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SHOOT! view!

PAUL Barron had the reputation for being the best reserve goalkeeper in the country when he understudied Northern Ireland's Pat Jennings at Arsenal.

He lingered in Jennings' shadow for several seasons, prepared to wait patiently for the moment when he retired or was considered past his best.

The day never arrived. Barron and Clive Allen were transferred to Crystal Palace and Kenny Sansom went to Arsenal.

Allen struck it rich early in his new career, scoring a hat-trick in his first home League match.

Barron, drafted straight into the first team as replacement for John Burridge, conceded 22 goals in his first nine games. He was condemned a failure by the fans.

The crowd singled him out for abuse as Palace struggled. Terry Venables was so concerned about the effects of the criticism on his new goalkeeper's confidence that he felt disposed to rest Barron.

Burridge was restored to the first team, but before he could pull on the goalkeeper's jersey against Tottenham in the League Cup, chose to state publicly that he did not want to play.

Burridge was promptly dropped for his remarks and Barron given another chance. Barron played a blinder in a 0-0 draw, overcoming the pressure of being considered a failure one moment, worthy of selection the next.

He knew only too well that he could have been cast in the reserves for weeks had Burridge played and performed well. He was spared that experience by a slice of good luck.

The episode highlights again the fine margin which exists between success and failure in football. It should serve as a boost to anyone feeling unhappy in the game and a warning to those daring to become complacent.

It's a lesson to Geoff Hurst, who came within a whisker of guiding Chelsea into the First Division last season but is now struggling to keep them in the Second.

It should interest Malcolm Allison, whose job at Manchester City has been perched on a precipice for weeks.

Alan Dicks will ponder its message. He managed Bristol City for 13 years only to receive the guillotine this season after steering the club through the most exciting passage in its history.

Players like Trevor Francis will have sympathy with Paul Barron's plight. Francis was tipped to lead England to glory in the European Championship only to rupture an Achilles tendon and wonder whether he would ever recapture his world class form again.

The hardships these men have faced prove again that players and managers are worth every penny they earn from a career, which at best, is half the length enjoyed by the average man in the street.



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THE trouble with Ron Greenwood, someone once said, is that he is too nice a chap. At a time when football's name is being dragged through the dirt, the game could do with a few more nice chaps, instead of terrace hooligans, players who hit photographers or who tread on fellow professionals.

After two and a half years of relative success, things went wrong for Ron Greenwood and England in the European Championship this summer. It wasn't quite a disaster, but it was a disappointment.

The main criticism levelled at Greenwood was that he was too

keen to please all his players: why else would 20 of the 22 have played at some time?

The European Championship has gone; the 1982 World Cup qualifying ties are in full fling and next week England have potentially their most difficult away tie, in Bucharest.

Who will play isn't certain. It's Ray Clemence's turn in goal — which raises the question: should Greenwood continue this rotation, or should he now give the defence a chance to build up a good understanding with one of the two? To make either Clemence or Shilton the official number one

Pick the BEST XI Ron

Graham Rix in action for England against Norway.



PAST RESULTS

	England	Rumania
1939 May 24 Bucharest	2	0
1968 Nov 6 Bucharest	0	0
1969 Jan. 15 Wembley	1	1
wc1970 June 2 Guadalaajara	1	0

Bucharest

Romania's
Stefanescu.

would be a bold move, the sort of move nice guys don't like.

The defence will probably be the one which shut-out Norway: Anderson, Thompson, Watson and Sansom. A question mark hangs over Watson; his performances this season have dropped below the standard he has set himself and in 1982 he will be 35.

Some would say there is no reason to drop Saints' stopper, but there is an equally strong argument in favour of (a) trying successors and (b) giving the eventual choice time to settle in. 1982 will soon be upon us.

Ray Wilkins' untimely injury has upset Greenwood's planning. The Manchester United star emerged with more credit than anyone from the European Championship. When he's fit he will then reclaim his place. Who plays alongside Wilkins, eventually, is undecided.

Kevin Keegan will be there, of course, playing a roving role somewhere between midfield and attack.

Will Graham Rix mature into an England class player? Does Trevor Brooking still have something to offer? Can Bryan Robson's tenacious skills make him an automatic choice? Can Greenwood continue with Terry McDermott, whose future is uncertain? Will Gordon Cowans have a chance to prove his admirers correct?

Greenwood's European Championship plan was to select what he thought his best team and, bar injuries, stick by it until qualification was certain. Does he plan to do the same in the World Cup?

Bonus

The injury to Trevor Francis upset the whole balance of his attack. Greenwood must plan without the Forest star; any comeback would be a bonus. Is there a place for the now married Peter Barnes? Or will Laurie Cunningham force his way back?

In some ways, the England line-up is as unknown as that of Rumania. Greenwood should:

- Decide who his first-choice 'keeper is to give the defence a chance to build up a proper understanding.
- Decide whether Dave Watson will be effective in June, 1982.
- Give a couple of youngsters an extended run — look how Schuster came up trumps for West Germany in Italy.
- Decide whether England have a winger of international class.

The England manager was strangely uneasy after the Norway game. He seemed upset at even the slightest criticism.

It's an indication of his loyalty to his players. Greenwood places loyalty high on his list of priorities and that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

The Press have, generally, been behind him; so have the fans. The European Championship was, as we said, a disappointment. If Greenwood and the players have been criticised, it was not unwarranted.

The lessons from Italy must be learnt.



WATCH OUT FOR FREE-KICKS

ENGLAND have little to fear about their trip to Bucharest next week... that's the view of Hamburger SV star Ivan Buljan, 30, who played for Yugoslavia when they were beaten 4-1 by Rumania last month.

Despite his country's heavy defeat, the 32-times capped Buljan says: "The result gives the wrong impression. Rumania weren't as good as the scoreline suggests and it didn't help that we were dreadful.

"While it's never easy to win in Bucharest, Rumania can't be considered a first-rate team. They had a relatively easy task against us as Miljan Miljanic is building a new, young Yugoslavia team.

"The Rumanian players who impressed me most were Crisan and Stefanescu.

"Crisan is the outside-right, an extremely fast and tricky winger, good on both flanks. I liked the way he was constantly dangerous for the entire 90 minutes.

"Both of Rumania's central defenders like to support the attack. Stefanescu, the sweeper, has excellent control and passes the ball extremely well.

"He pulls the strings and what's more gets on the scoresheet regularly. He scored two penalties against us and his third goal came from a free-kick. I advise England to be wary of him and to build a strong wall at set-pieces.

"Having seen England this year, my opinion is that they won't encounter enormous problems with Rumania. They tend to exaggerate individual play and so their team-work suffers.

"As two teams qualify from the group, England should certainly be one of them."

KARL-HEINZ JENS

Easier to score in Rumania than at Wembley

RUMANIA and England will qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain. And when I make that prediction I'm being realistic. I don't feel we have too much to fear from Norway and Switzerland, and Hungary are still trying to build a new team. We aim to win all our home games, and the key to our campaign is to get a good morale-boosting win against England.

Rumania's veteran national team boss Stefan Kovacs has seen enough football in his long managerial career to know what he's talking about, and neither Ron Greenwood nor anybody else regards England's imminent task in Rumania as a mere formality.

Rumania belong to that unpredictable group of strong 'middle-of-the-road' nations guaranteed to provide tough opposition despite their unimpressive record in recent years.

They haven't qualified for a World Cup since they finished third in England's group in 1970. And they've made even less impression in the European Championship.

Spain have been their main stumbling block in recent campaigns, so we asked their ex-manager Ladislao Kubala to assess England's task by looking back at six World Cup and European Championship confrontations.

"I've a lot of respect for Rumanian football," says Kubala. "We've never had an easy game against them, neither at home nor away, and I can't see anyone running up a massive win against

Rumania line-up before their friendly international against Italy in February.



them — though Yugoslavia won by an incredible 6-4 scoreline in Bucharest a couple of years ago.

"Apart from that, look at their results, and you'll see they rarely lose by more than the odd goal.

"Their defence is always strong, and not exactly made of butter. They've got talented individuals, and at home their only failing is that they tend to throw everything into frenzied attack, and leave themselves open to quick breaks.

"That's why I'd say it's maybe a little easier to score in Rumania than in return matches. But in any case, they give very little away."

The most recent series of friendly matches has produced mediocre results for the Rumanians, but one has begun to glimpse the beginnings of a settled line-up, with Universitatea Craiova providing six key players.

Iordache has replaced Cristian in goal. The defence is built around the imposing Stefanescu (28) and the athletic Sames (29). Balaci (24) is the midfield dynamo, with help from Boloni (27) and Ionescu (24). And the Craiova idols Crisan (25) and Catamaru (23) provide delicate individual skills and aerial power respectively in the front line.

'Over-confident'

"Kovacs is an old fox, though," warns Kubala. "He'll tell you how poor and inexperienced his side is, so that the opposition will get over-confident. He gives his line-up on the day before, so that the other manager feels obliged to do the same. Then he changes it half an hour before the kick-off!

"I remember he picked seven Craiova players for one match against us... so he switched the match so that they could play on their home ground!

"I always made sure we had people from our Embassy at the airport to meet us, because problems at customs can develop into an exasperating and tiring process for the team.

"Out on the pitch, I always emphasised that it was important to weather the Rumanians' initial storm.

"They always came out like bulls and threw everything at us right from the kick-off. I tell you, Rumania may not be world-beaters, but you really have to work hard to get a good result against them."

Graham Turner



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CONTROVERSIAL Brian Clough rarely makes mistakes... or if he does he isn't quick to admit them!

However, the Nottingham Forest team boss has admitted to one blunder and that was selling midfield dynamo and inspiration Archie Gemmill to Birmingham City last year.

Clough has used several players in the same role — including Gemmill's fellow-Scot Asa

is eager and determined to play his part.

Spurs' striker Steve Archibald came on for Kenny Dalglish in Stockholm and immediately looked sharp alongside Andy Gray.

"I enjoy teaming up with Andy," says Steve. "We got together for the first time when I came on as a substitute against Portugal last season.

"We had almost 45 minutes together and I thought we did well. We seem to knit as a partnership. For instance, it was Andy who set me up to score our third goal that night.

"When he made his run on the right I knew where he would be placing the ball in the penalty-area. I wouldn't call it telepathy or anything like that. Just an

looking a lot brighter. I just hope I can play my part."

Gemmill, like Jock Stein, doesn't make rash promises. He asks the Scottish fans to be patient on Wednesday night and continue backing their country for the entire 90 minutes.

If the Tartan Army adopt an Archie Gemmill-like attitude then the Portuguese could be in for another painful 90 minutes at Hampden.

It may not be another landslide 4-1 walloping, but if Scotland complete the game with another two points there will be no complaints or grumbles from captain Archie Gemmill or his disciples!

PAST RESULTS

	Scotland	Portugal
1950 May 21 Lisbon	2	2
1955 May 4 Glasgow	3	0
1959 June 3 Lisbon	0	1
1966 June 18 Glasgow	0	1
EC1971 April 21 Lisbon	0	2
EC1971 Oct 13 Glasgow	2	1
1975 May 13 Glasgow	1	0
EC1978 Nov 29 Lisbon	0	1
EC1980 Mar 26 Glasgow	4	1

Archie educating Scotland's young stars

Hartford — but hasn't quite come up with the proper answer. Now Swiss international Raimondo Ponte is being asked to fill the Scot's berth, but even Clough admits he will never be another Archie Gemmill.

The Mighty Atom of Scotland's midfield goes on show again in the World Cup arena on Wednesday (October 15) when Portugal travel to Hampden. And Gemmill will be hoping to lead the Scots to another victory.

He was superb in the 1-0 victory over Sweden in Stockholm where he worked a sweet one-two with Gordon Strachan before the Aberdeen star rifled in the only goal of the evening.

"We beat the Portuguese 4-1 at Hampden last season in the European Championship," says Gemmill, "but this will be an entirely different game.

"There wasn't an awful lot at stake that night — both countries already knew they wouldn't be going to Italy for the Finals — and that means there will be a vast difference in attitudes."

Gemmill's midfield partner Strachan is one of the first players to agree that it is a joy to play alongside such a marvellous competitor.

"It's an education," says Strachan. "He is always there making everyone play.

"He never seems to relax and he is the ideal player to captain Scotland. He leads by example and his appetite gets through to the other players."

Gemmill, of course, is one of the survivors of the debacle in Argentina in '78, but he prefers to look ahead rather than reflect on what went wrong in South America.

There is a fresh attitude about the Scots these days and everyone

understanding, I suppose.

"I let the defender go in at the near post and Andy whacked it low across. I only needed to nudge it in off the side of my boot. I tried to repay him later in the game when the 'keeper fumbled a shot from Davie Provan and the ball ran to the bye line.

"I managed to stop it and cross it for Andy. He looked set to score until he was pushed in the back and the referee had to give a penalty kick which Archie Gemmill stuck away neatly for goal number four.

'Dream'

"Talking about Archie, I must say he is a dream to play with. Even when things aren't going for him personally he is still there looking for the ball and trying to set things up.

"He is a great man to have in your side when the going gets tough. He gives you encouragement before the game, during it, at half-time and at the end.

"I'm not surprised Brian Clough has said he is not easy to replace. I'm just glad he's Scottish and we have him in our side.

"With Jock Stein guiding us off the field and Archie doing such a wonderful job on it things are certainly





WALES v TURKEY,

Cardiff

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MIKE England has breezed back into British football with a gale force strength of ideas and purpose. As manager of Wales, he pledges attacking, entertaining football — and the World Cup qualifying clash against Turkey at Cardiff will put him to the test.

The former Spurs and Wales centre-half has sentenced the dreadful football of the European Championship Finals to be hung, drawn and quartered.

He has also spent five whirlwind months forging his battle plans for the World Cup. Wales have never qualified for any World Cup Finals — their one appearance in Sweden in 1958 came as the outcome of a political tangle after elimination from their group — and success for 1982 would be a triumph for both England and the country he represented 44 times as a player.

He plans to pitch into the Turks, the Czechs (who follow at Ninian Park in November), the Russians and tiny Iceland with the kind of plundering football which destroyed England 4-1 in the opening match of the British Championship last May.

'Traditional'

"I have wingers like Leighton James, Mickey Thomas and Carl Harris and England would fall over backwards to have any one of them; we also have no stopper centre-half in the traditional sense — but that is a bonus!" he emphasises.

"The day of that kind of player is over. Football is — or should be — more fluid with greater emphasis on skill and the quality of passing. In Paul Price, we have one of the best equipped young defenders in the Football League to operate this style of game."

Paul, the St Albans-born son of a Welsh father, responds: "Wales have been marvellous for me. To

win my first cap against England in the biggest Welsh victory over them in 101 years, made it the kind of start that every player dreams about.

"I am very lucky to come into the Welsh team at this time and from a club like Luton. David Pleat has very much the same positive ideas as Mike England and we operate the kind of game that Mike is bringing to Welsh international football.

THE PRICE OF SUCCESS

"David Pleat does not want us to pump long balls up the middle in the hope that the centre-forward can get a head to one now and again. We work for the thought-out build up and the use of telling, accurate pass to penetrate defences. This, too, is what Mike wants for Wales."

Price had relished international football all the more because he was never in the reckoning until Mike Smith brought him into the squad last November — coincidentally for a European Championship match against Turkey in Izmir.

"I didn't play but it was still a very useful start. I had the chance to weigh up the tempo and atmosphere on international football before my debut against England," he says.

Since then, Price has shot ahead by leaps and bounds. Three brilliant performances in the British Championship; another



against Iceland as Wales opened their World Cup programme with a 4-0 victory and again (as an over-age player) in the dazzling 2-0 Wales win against Holland in Amsterdam during a recent Under-21 international.

"That was rated the finest-ever display by Wales at Under-21 or Under-23 level and Paul was the most accomplished player on the pitch. There is no limit to his ability," praises England.

PAST RESULTS

	Wales	Turkey
EC1979 Nov. 29 Wrexham	1	0
EC1979 Nov. 21 Izmir	0	1

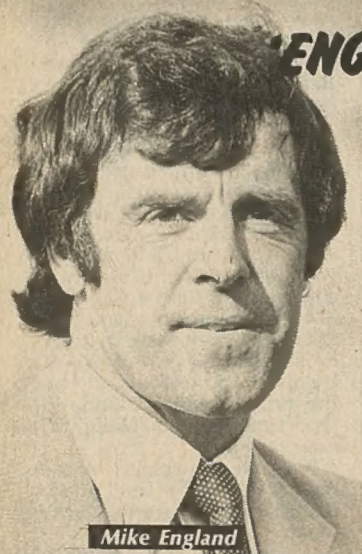
That Under-21 triumph produced two more new defenders for Wales and they are certain to feature in England's forthcoming selections. Kevin Ratcliffe of Everton and Watford's teenage Kenny Jackett both provided England with the enterprising football that he is demanding from the new generation of Welsh players.

The emergence of Price, Ratcliffe, Jackett and Cardiff's adventurous full-back John Lewis helps to defuse a potentially explosive flashpoint between the two countries. There is unlikely to be a place for Byron Stevenson, the Leeds defender who was sent-off amid furious scenes when the teams last met in Izmir.

A new Welsh defence is under construction, the midfield direction remains in the hands of Terry Yorath and Brian Flynn with David Giles now adding his sparkling goal-hunting zest; up-front, there is the biggest dog-fight since the John Toshack-Wyn Davies-Ron Davies rivalry of a decade ago.

Jeremy Charles and Ian Rush are adding their power to the flair football of Alan Curtis, Robbie James and Ian Walsh — and that is before England sorts out the claims of wingers Leighton James, Micky Thomas and Carl Harris!

"Everything is set for us to provide Welsh football with its most exciting era since that World Cup Quarter-Final place in 1958 and the European Championship Quarter-Final spot in 1976," says England. Privately, he is convinced that this autumn against Turkey and Czechoslovakia will show that Wales could do even better.



Mike England

ENGLAND CAN LEAD WALES TO SPAIN' says skipper TERRY YORATH

THE new style and approach of Mike England can lead Wales to a place in the next World Cup Finals. England's more relaxed style, allied to tougher training and different personal approach, can go a long way towards putting Wales on the road to Spain, 1982.

Those are the views of Terry Yorath, Tottenham and Wales midfield man.

"Our interests couldn't be in better hands," says Yorath. "Mike has such enormous experience of European football through playing and watching it over the years, that he is invaluable to our plans. "He has changed the tactics

since he took over. He hasn't altered it as drastically as Mike Smith did, but then he hasn't needed to, whereas Mike Smith did.

"Mike England is more relaxed, even though we do train harder under him. He says what he thinks, too, and will have a go at people if he deems it necessary. Mike Smith never did that — it simply wasn't his way.

"I think Welsh football will be more attack-minded under England. We tend to go forward much more now, but we do need an attacking midfield player.

"David Giles is the only one in

that category and he needs assistance. Basically, Mike England wants us to go out and enjoy ourselves and I think we worry less about the opposition than we used to."

Yorath concedes the Czechs are favourites in Group Three, but says: "If we can split them and the Russians, we can get through. Playing in Turkey will be the toughest one for us, perhaps harder than in Russia or Czechoslovakia.

"Last time we were there, Byron Stevenson was sent-off and we were pelted with stones and rubbish, even in the pre-match kick-about. It's a tough place to play.

"Mike England will prove an inspired choice as manager, I'm certain of that. He could lead us all to Spain, if we get lucky at the right time."



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ONLY 30,000 fans turned up to see Eire's great win over Holland (right) last month, but Lansdowne Road will be a sell-out next Wednesday when European Championship runners-up Belgium visit Dublin for their first game in Group Two of the World Cup qualifying round.

Following the great win over Holland, an euphoric feeling abounds in Ireland and for the first time the fans are justified in feeling that history can be made by qualifying for the Final stages of the World Cup for the first time ever.

In just over 12 months Eoin Hand has become a national hero in Ireland. The former Portsmouth defender led Limerick United to their first League Championship win in 20 years last season and his appointment as national team manager has been warmly received, especially by the Press.

The soccer writers, who were fed up with Johnny Giles' 'play safe' approach, have lavished praise on Hand for the attacking policy he has adopted.

And while the new boss will not criticise his predecessor, he obviously aims for more adventurous football as shown in the selection of a 4-2-4 formation against the Dutch, with Liam Brady and Gerry Daly in the front four.

Mick Martin and Jimmy Holmes are expected to be fit in time to face the Belgians, but while both were automatic choices prior to their injuries, it will be difficult to oust the players in possession.

Eire are a fairly settled side, but that does not mean that a winning team will not be changed. First to go could be goalkeeper Gerry Peyton, who was responsible for allowing the Dutch to take an undeserved lead in the last game.

REP. of IRELAND v BELGIUM, Dublin

Eire heading towards history?



PAST RESULTS

1928, February 12, Liege 4-2
1930, May 11, Brussels 3-1
1934, February 25, Dublin 4-4
1949, April 24, Dublin 0-2
1950, May 10, Brussels 1-5
1955, March 24, Dublin 0-2
1966, May 25, Liege 3-2

Since the departure of Mick Kearns, Peyton has not had much competition for the number one shirt and yet he has not made it his own. But, having said that it would be a big risk to throw in either Pat Bonnar of Celtic or Shamrock Rovers' Alan O'Neill, for what would be their first cap, in such an important game.

Even if he is fit Jimmy Holmes

could not expect to take over from club mate Chris Hughton at left-back. However, Mick Martin could return to midfield thus releasing Mark Lawrenson to revert to the back four.

The Brighton utility man, who despite scoring the winner, said that he had "a nightmare game" in midfield against the Dutch. Obviously he would be much

happier in his accustomed Irish role as central defender, playing behind the midfield.

Eire are now sitting pretty at the top of Group Two with maximum points. They haven't lost a competitive game in Dublin for eight years and if they can preserve that record next week it could be said that they will have the whole world in their hands!

AFTER a successful European Championship in Italy Belgium now face the difficult task to carry on where they left off. And an away game to the Republic of Ireland isn't the easiest of games to start a campaign with.

The Belgian manager, Guy Thys, was a very interested spectator at Lansdowne Road last month when Eire beat Holland 2-1.

His reaction was: "I expect a difficult game for us. I was impressed by the Irish fighting spirit. They never give up. Liam Brady is their key-player; his vision and passing are world-class. Without him Eire would be an ordinary team."

There'll be some changes in the Belgian line-up. The captain Julien Cools has hung up his international boots after the European Championship. François van der Elst is uncertain after his transfer to Cosmos in the United States. At the moment both Wilfried "Mr Belgium" Van Moer

SOME NEW FACES BUT SAME TACTICS



(pictured, dark strip) and Eric Gerets are injured, but they may be all right for the match in Dublin.

Meanwhile Guy Thys has included some new players in his squad. Two of them, Eddy Voordeckers, a 20-year-old striker who plays for Standard Liège, and Bert Cluytens, a 25-year-old attacking midfielder with SK Beveren, are in top form and stand a good chance to get a place in the team.

The main subject of conversation lately has been the Belgian tactics. Despite the fact that Belgium now have been labelled as 'favourites' instead of 'underdogs', there'll be no changes in these tactical approaches.

Criticism about being too defensive has been put aside with a silver European Championship medal, which proved that the tactics were successful.

Anyway Belgium are at their best with a well-organised defence, creative midfielders and

fast forwards. They'll be playing as they did in Italy: possession-football with fast counter-attacks.

The feeling here is optimistic. René Van der Eycken, the hard-tackling midfielder, says: "We know it won't be easy, but neither were the matches in the European Championship — and look what a good result we got there. So, why should we worry? Everyone will be looking at us now, we're not bothered about that. We know what we are capable of, we're very confident."

As for the Belgian fans, hopes are high. The success in Italy reactivated the interest for the Belgian national team, although the fans still feel a bit uneasy with the 'favourites' label Belgium are now carrying.

It's up to the Belgian players now to prove that their good results in Italy weren't a lucky patch.

DANNY GEERTS



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HISTORY will be made at Windsor Park, Belfast, next Wednesday (October 15). For the first time ever, Northern Ireland will enter a World Cup game as reigning British Champions, when they face Sweden in an important Group Six qualifying tie.

Ireland's surprise but deserved 1980 title triumph, their first in 66 years, and an all-time record eight-match unbeaten run, have boosted morale for the forthcoming tussles with the Swedes, Portugal, Scotland, and the Belfast return against Israel, with whom Billy Bingham's men drew 0-0 in Tel Aviv last March.

Apart from the relentless struggle for crucial World Cup points, next week's fixture has the added attraction of being an official Centenary game to mark 100 years of the Irish Football Association, and fittingly features the nation in which the Ulstermen enjoyed their finest hour.

It was in the Swedish-based 1958 Finals that Northern Ireland incredibly reached the last eight, a superb feat for such a small country.

Manager Billy Bingham, a member of that trail-blazing line-up, reckons his countrymen are poised for another top-level breakthrough.

"Winning the title and being undefeated on our Australian tour

N. IRELAND v SWEDEN, Belfast

gave the lads a big lift. They now believe in themselves and feel nothing is beyond them. There is a lot of spirit in the side and I can assure you motivation is not a problem with this Irish team."

Buoyant Bingham will rely on seasoned campaigners like

Arsenal trio Pat Jennings, Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson, Chris and Jimmy Nicholl, Martin O'Neill, Sammy McIlroy, Dave McCreery, Tom Finney, Gerry Armstrong and Tommy Cassidy, plus Noel Brotherston, Jim Platt, John O'Neill, Mal Donaghy, Billy

Irish feel nothing is beyond them



Noel Brotherston (centre) was one of Ireland's successes in their British Championship triumph.

Hamilton and the unpredictable though potentially brilliant Terry Cochrane, to further his ambitions for Spain '82.

Northern Ireland will be banking heavily on the continued brilliance of scintillating Blackburn Rovers' ace Noel Brotherston to enhance their big-time aspirations.

"Noel has blossomed in his six internationals to date," says Bingham. "He is a player with bags of skill and speed, and can develop into our most exciting forward prospect since the mid-60's emergence of George Best."

But Bingham will also be expecting his central strikeforce, selected from Gerry Armstrong, Billy Hamilton, Tom Finney, Colin McCurdy and Derek Spence, to capitalise on the midfield industry and creativity of top-quality stars Martin O'Neill and Sammy McIlroy, and the magical wizardry of the tantalising Brotherston.

A note of warning, though, to the revamped Irish, as they approach Wednesday's tie. Their proud home record against foreign opposition, showing only five defeats — four by one-goal margins — in around 30 games, was dented by Sweden's 2-1 September, 1975 Euro Championship victory, which was revenge for Ireland's 2-0 Stockholm triumph, a year earlier.

No doubt, the green shirts would be quite happy to settle for the latter scoreline this time out!

PAST RESULTS

EC1974, October 30, Stockholm 0-2
EC1975, September 3, Belfast 1-2

Gordon Strachan slots home Scotland's winner against Sweden.

forward, with 13 goals the best scorer in the League so far. However he tends to be a bit erratic.

In midfield Sten-Ove Ramberg was the best Swedish player against Scotland. He gets the team playing, spreading good, long and short passes with great accuracy.

The Swedish defence, however, is not too good these days.

Apart from Borg they are all bad in the air and barring sensational changes, most of the back-players (Borg again excepted) are very pedestrian in their play. That might not be entirely revealed against a team of British players, but against a technical side from Middle- or South-Europe... ouch!

Finally, I can't (and neither can anyone else in Sweden) see why Ralf Edström is not included. He seems to be judged by his 1974 performances only and when he's not up to them, he's out. Stupid!

If we were to judge the entire team by that standard we wouldn't be able to field more than three players.

FRANK SJOMAN

TOO LATE FOR SWEDEN

"CRUEL" was the word used by manager Lars Arnesson to describe Sweden's 0-1 defeat against Scotland. He felt that his team had had chances enough to win the match and I think that a draw would have been a fair result.

Anyway, Sweden have now dropped three home points in two games and if we are to have any chance at all in World Cup qualification, Arnesson's team will have to pick up at least three points from the two matches this autumn in Belfast and Tel Aviv.

Though results so far this year has been dismal (see right) there were at least some encouraging things about the Scotland game. Sweden created out of their own strength a few chances and the team really worked hard. Arnesson may have the nucleus of a good side, but I feel that it's too late this time. He must also have been encouraged with the Under-21



team beating the Scots so easily (2-0).

Before Sweden face Northern Ireland they will have played Bulgaria in Sofia. In that match Arnesson will try out centre-forward Thomas Ahlström (28 years, 10 caps — 1 goal) who was a prolific scorer with Elfsborg in the Swedish League, but never succeeded with the national side.

He is doing very well with Olympiakos Pireus, whom he helped to win the Greek League last season. If he does well he will play against the Irish.

One who might not play is world-class keeper Ronnie Hellström. His team, Kaiserslautern, have a League match on the same evening as the Belfast match and though it's in his contract that he has to be released or the club heavily fined, Arnesson may decide to leave him out. He feels that Jan Möller of

Malmö FF and Thomas Wernersson of Atvidaberg are almost as good as Hellström.

Sweden have happy memories from Belfast, winning a European Championship game there 2-1 in 1975. On that occasion Thomas Sjöberg scored a very fine goal, going through on his own and then sending Jennings the wrong way. Sjöberg will certainly play, though after the season has ended in Sweden (mid-November) he will probably join Tulsa in the NASL. He previously played one season with Chicago.

Sjöberg is not a great player, but he works hard, takes up good positions and is willing to take a lot of stick around the box.

Thomas Nilsson is a newcomer to the team, a fast forward with a good shot. He hit the post against Scotland and given time he will come good.

Billy Ohlsson is another good

● **Results 1980:** USSR (h) 1-5, Denmark (h) 0-1, Finland (a) 2-0, Israel (h) 1-1, Iceland (h) 1-1, Hungary (a) 0-2, Scotland (h) 0-1, Bulgaria (a)

'WE'RE GOING TO ANFIELD TO ATTACK'

MATCH of the Day. There's no doubting the top game in England this Saturday (October 11) is between League Champions Liverpool and their most serious rivals to this season's throne, Ipswich Town, who clash head-on at Anfield.

Memories of past games which filled mighty Anfield will come flooding back. A full house is likely to see whether Liverpool and their East Anglian rivals can decide albeit temporarily, which team has the better credentials for this season's League title.

Alan Brazil admits Ipswich face a tough hurdle at Anfield. "But we

our Championship aspirations. We believe we are now good enough to launch a serious bid for the title, and one defeat won't change that view.

"This is only one game — we can still lose it and win the title. So people shouldn't read too much into just one game."

Brazil has more reason than most for wanting to do well this Saturday. Although Ipswich got a draw at Anfield last season, Brazil says: "It was one of my worst games. I had a really bad game and would love to put that right this time. A goal would be especially welcome."

promises Alan Brazil

got a 1-1 draw there last season and we are a better all-round team now, than we were then," he says. "Liverpool are the clear favourites for the title but we feel that if anyone has any chance of beating them then we are the team. We have the blend now, the players and the experience."

"Liverpool stumbled at the start this season, but it was a similar beginning in 1979-80. Then they took over and dominated the Championship. It will be a hard test for us."

Ipswich will play the same system at Anfield that has seen them to the top of the table. "If we play as we can, we will cause them problems, I'm sure of that," says Brazil.

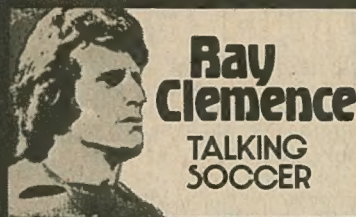
'Fantastic'

"A lot of players don't like going to Anfield because they think about Liverpool's fantastic record. Our performances there have been brilliant — we have lost three and drawn three on our last six visits. Some sides suffer from a mental problem when they go there, but that won't be the case with us."

Ipswich can certainly offer a formidable array of potential goalscorers with which to confront the Champions. Every first team regular scored for them last season, apart from goalkeeper Paul Cooper; a record which shows the all-round ability of the side. "Everyone is getting forward and helping everyone else," says Brazil.

"There's no way we will go to Anfield to defend, and nothing else, because we'd lose our great strength; our ability to attack. We'd like to get at the Liverpool back four to test them out. We'd love to win it but a point would be fantastic up there."

"But there is one thing to remember. Even if the worst happened and we lost, it wouldn't end



IPSWICH Town have wrecked my reputation — as Britain's worst tipster — by fulfilling my prediction that if they carried on in the winning vein with which they ended last season they would place themselves firmly in the running for the Championship.

Bobby Robson's men got off to a dream start that sent them four points clear at a remarkably early stage. They're going to take some catching.

They've ensured that the team that eventually takes the title — after the 42-game marathon — will have done more than winning at home and drawing away. A good number of wins on "foreign soil" must figure in the final analysis.

It's great for the game that an exciting team like Ipswich, who have promised so much in recent years but failed to live up to expectations, should become pace-setters and prevent the title-race from becoming our monopoly.

Whether they keep in contention will depend very much on whether they can stay free of injuries, for I suspect the reserves are not as skilled as the players they understudy.

It's important to have strength in depth, as we have at Liverpool, so that replacements can be slotted in without unbalancing the side.

Knocked

Ipswich now have more attacking options. Formerly they concentrated on throwing the ball up to two big men up-front, who in turn knocked it back to upcoming midfield men.

They still do this, but since the purchase of the two Dutchmen — Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen — they can use the tactic often employed at Liverpool of patiently building up a move from the back with short passing.

Eric Gates also provides an extra dimension, by playing close up to the front pair. This positioning makes him difficult to mark.

He's too far forward for a midfield man to cover without dropping back; but not forward enough for a defender to pick up. Consequently he tends to pull opponents out of position.

Eric, who made an impressive international debut in England's 4-0 win at Wembley over the Norwegians, is one of the youngsters in what appears to be the finest team Portman Road have fielded in my experience.

Like Eric, the two centre-backs — Terry Butcher and Russell Osman — are developing so well they have high prospects of becoming England regulars in the future, replacements for Dave Watson and Phil Thompson.

Although Alan Brazil has shone, especially with spectacular goals on

TV, I feel he still has not revealed his full potential, and the best of him is yet to come.

There's a tendency to think of George Burley as something of a veteran because he's been in the team for so long. But it's important to remember he made his debut at 18. His outstanding qualities as a defender have earned him caps for Scotland.

Another proud Scot is John Wark, who does a tremendous amount of work in midfield, and also gets amongst the goals. His speciality is the volley from around the 18-yard line.

Recently he scored four goals in a U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against a Greek side, and three more in two League matches, all in the space of a week.

Probably Ipswich's greatest success story is that of Paul Mariner, who two seasons ago drifted out of the England reckoning, only to be recalled suddenly for the European Championship in the summer.

'A BIG

Paul is now full of confidence, following his superb goal against Norway in September.

Very strong in the air, and mobile on the ground, he's as deadly as any striker I can think of.

I hear on good authority Bobby Robson reckons he is as good as Kenny Dalglish.

Every successful side must have a good captain, a man who commands respect, and The Blues have one in Mick Mills, who has been around Portman Road for as long as I've been at Anfield.

Mick is a marvellous character, always encouraging, always involved in a game, even though he might be having a hard time personally. One day he'll be a top manager.

'Eric Gates is difficult to mark'

Another long-server is 'keeper Paul Cooper, who alternated with Laurie Sivell over a long period before claiming the number one shirt as his own.

Last season Paul made the headlines with a series of remarkable penalty saves. Admittedly a lot of luck must have been involved, but there's no denying he possesses a special knack of dealing with spot-kicks.

The main credit for Ipswich's development into League leaders must be handed to the man responsible for building the team — manager Bobby Robson, who has resisted many lucrative offers from abroad and at home to keep faith with the club that gave him his big chance.

Mr. Robson is a forward-thinking man aware the game must never be allowed to stagnate, that new ideas must replace old, outworn ones.

He was amongst the first to introduce foreign players to England.



their team plays us at Anfield this Saturday, it will be drowned by our Koppites alone. They are fantastic!

This will be Ipswich's biggest test so far this season. Followed by an even greater one if things go according to our plan and we win convincingly.

For then they'll have the problem of picking themselves up, regaining confidence for their next match.

I'll be meeting those Ipswich players called upon for England duty the following day, Sunday, when we report prior to flying off to Rumania for the second of our qualifying matches for the World Cup Finals in Spain 1982.

'Our Koppites are fantastic'

With a 4-0 win over Norway in the bank, we're really looking forward to playing in Bucharest.

As Ron Greenwood has decided to continue with his policy of alter-

But speaking to Ron Greenwood, who has seen their national side recently, he informs me they've reverted to using two wingers along with a tall centre-forward, and play with a lot of skill and verve. That combination could pose problems for me and the England defence.

Norway did us a favour by holding the Rumanians to a draw in Oslo, proof the Norwegians are not the easy touch some of our football writers claimed after Wembley.

As Rumania are one of the two most difficult teams in our group — the other is Hungary — I expect Ron Greenwood to have experience in mind when he makes his selection. Although he may include one of the new caps.

At the risk of being classed as unadventurous, I think a draw would rank as a good result for us.

It's important to reach Christmas unbeaten in our three games this year. Then we'll feel we're halfway to Spain!

TEST FOR IPSWICH'

He's also a candidate to take over the England job when Ron Greenwood goes.

The Ipswich boss is never afraid to speak his mind. For instance, he criticised some of the club's fans for staying so quiet when their team notched up a great win against Coventry, calling them "zombies".

This happened in the heat of the moment, brought about by frustra-

tion, and although he later apologised, I hope the fans take note.

It means so much to players to be backed by loud, enthusiastic support, as we will testify at Liverpool. Our fans have lifted us so many times — never more so than when we won the European Cup in Rome in 1977.

But no matter how much noise visiting Ipswich fans make when

nating Peter Shilton and myself, it's my turn to wear the jersey, and I'll be out to emulate Shiltz by keeping the goals down.

This could prove important should qualification eventually depend on goal difference.

My impression of Rumanian sides, from playing against them and watching on TV, is they have a tendency to be physical.

Join me next week when I'll be discussing our forthcoming derby game against a revitalised Everton side at Goodison Park.



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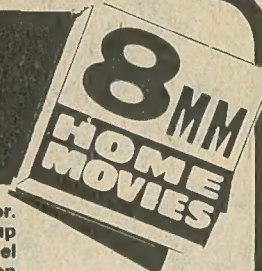
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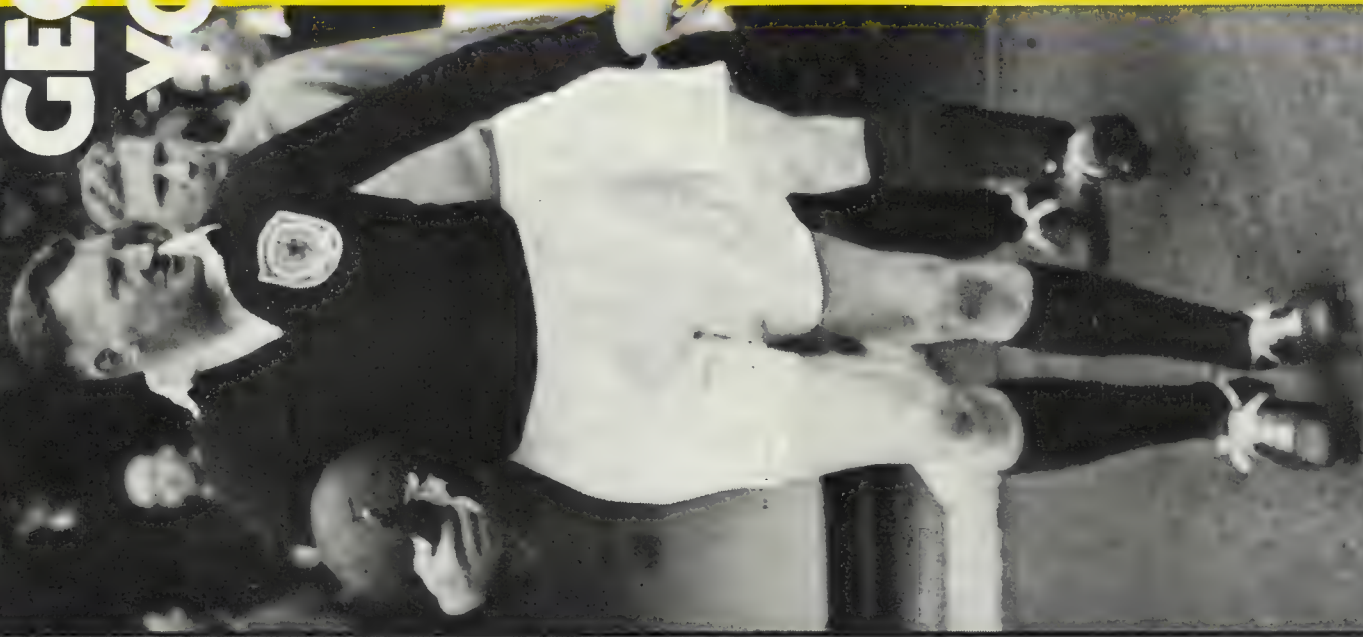
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GEORGE YOUNG

THERE has been no more commanding centre-half than this Rangers and Scotland skipper. Everything about George Young was commanding. A giant of a man, he would have stood out in any company, but in a team fighting a rearguard action he was worth his weight in gold. Not that Rangers spent a lot of time fighting rearguard actions during his day, for apart from War-time honours this colossus of Scottish football collected six League medals and four Scottish F.A.

Cup winners' medals before playing his last game in 1957.

During that period he made 53 appearances for his country, actually captaining them in eight games against England. In all he played nearly 700 first team games for Rangers between 1941 and 1957, the majority at either right-back or centre-half. Noted for his courage he was also a master tactician despite the fact that his best known trade mark was his long punt upfield.



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EMLYN HUGHES

STILL going strong for Wolves, 'Crazy Horse' Emlyn Hughes is now in the twilight of a long and eventful career in which he has gained almost every honour the game has to offer. The son of a former Welsh rugby international, Hughes started with Blackpool, for whom he signed in 1964. It didn't take the young defender long to make a name for himself, and three years later he came under the scrutiny of Liverpool boss Bill Shankly, who duly signed Hughes for a then record fee for a defender. Once at Anfield, Emlyn soon began his amazing trophy collection, as well as winning the first of more than 50 full England caps against Wales in 1970. His first of four League Championship medals came in 1973, followed by an F.A. Cup winners' medal against Newcastle in 1974. One of the game's great characters, Emlyn will long be remembered as the man who captained Liverpool to successive European Cup triumphs in the 1977 and 1978 Finals. Hughes was finally released by Liverpool at the beginning of last season, having to make way for the young Scot Alan Hansen. But the Emlyn Hughes glory trail didn't finish there. In his first season at Molineux he helped Wolves to their best season for over a decade and also led them to success in last season's League Cup Final, the one medal missing from his collection from Anfield.



COLIN BELL



COLIN Bell, the midfield player who never seemed to stop running for Manchester City and England, finally came to the end of his career in late 1979 after a four-year battle against a crippling knee injury. Bell first came to prominence as a teenage captain with his local team Bury. At the age of 19 he had already established an outstanding reputation, and in March, 1966 he was signed by City for £47,500. Under the management of Joe Mercer and the coaching of Malcolm Allison, Bell soon emerged as one of the finest midfield players to have appeared for England for many years. His first cap came against Sweden in 1968, and

from that moment on he was an international regular under the management of first Sir Alf Ramsey and later Don Revie. Nicknamed 'Milkshy' because of his non-stop running, the beginning of Bell's troubles came during a Manchester derby game in November, 1975. The injuries he sustained in that game deprived England and City more than could ever have been imagined, and at the end of his career Bell had 48 England caps, one First and one Second Division Championship medal, an F.A. Cup and a League Cup medal and one European Cup-Winners' Cup medal to show for his marvellous achievements.



TERRY PAINE

A direct winger of the old style, Terry Paine's career spanned the years of the change and adapted himself to fit in with 4-3-3 when it became the fashion in the mid-60's. This adaptability enabled him to outlast all his early contemporaries and go on to create a record with an astonishing total of 824 Football League appearances until finally hanging up his boots more than 20 years after first signing professional for Southampton in 1957. When

he had passed the 700-mark of League games with Saints it was thought that he might go on to beat Jimmy Dickinson's record of 764 for a single club (Portsmouth); but in 1974 (after 713 games) he moved to Hereford United as player-coach, and it was with that club that he added those last 111 games. Before Sir Alf Ramsey abandoned the use of direct wingers, Terry Paine had made 19 appearances for England, scoring seven goals.

TOMMY GEMMELL



WHEN Celtic were at their peak in the 1960's there was no more consistent or exciting player in their side than full-back Tommy Gemmell. He was also a favourite off the field as the joker who could always be relied upon to help more nervous players relax at crucial games. In both departments he played a major role in helping Celtic become the first British winners of the European Cup in 1967. "Big Tam" was noted for his terrific bursts of speed in his overlapping runs through the opposing defence, and was also blessed with a cracking shot which brought him many goals from the penalty spot. During 11 seasons with Celtic (1961-72) he collected five League Championship medals, three F.A. Cup medals and four League Cup medals. One of his finest displays was in Scotland's 3-2 win over World Cup holders' England, at Wembley in 1967.



FERENC PUSKAS

ONE of the few players to have starred in two of the greatest club teams in soccer history — Honved and Real Madrid, Puskas was born in Budapest on April 2nd, 1927, and rose to fame by hitting goal after goal in the great Honved side of the 1950's. Having made his debut for Hungary at 18, he went on to win 84 caps for the team that set new standards for football, thrashing England 6-3 at Wembley in the process. Puskas' biggest disappointment was losing the 1954 World Cup Final 2-3 to West Germany after having demolished them 8-3 in a preliminary group. And his career seemed to be finished after the Hungarian Revolution in 1956, but Real Madrid gambled on signing the 31-year-old exile to play alongside Alfredo di Stefano. 'Pancho' Puskas repaid their confidence by slamming 242 goals in 269 games before retiring at 38 to begin a career in management.

BORN on March 3rd, 1922, Sandor Hidegkuti was centre-forward in the all-time great Hungary side that took Europe by storm in the early 1950's. Hidegkuti represented his country on 68 occasions, but he maybe suffered by being sandwiched between great soccer legends such as Puskas and Kocsis. Yet in the days when centre-forwards were expected to play a bustling, bruising, blunderbuss role, Hidegkuti played an intelligent deeper role, coming through late from midfield often enough to keep his name regularly on the scoresheet. He scored a remarkable hat-trick in Hungary's historic 6-3 win at Wembley in 1953, less than a year after he'd helped his country carry off the Olympic title. In the 1954 World Cup Finals, Hidegkuti weighed in with five goals in four matches as Hungary ran up an unbelievable total of 27 goals only to lose to West Germany in the Final.

SANDOR HIDEGKUTI



SIR ALF RAMSEY

ALF RAMSEY, the first manager to lead England, was born in 1898 in the town of Barking, Essex. He was a professional footballer, playing for Barking and then for Tottenham Hotspur. He was a right-back in the game, and he was known for his ability to pass the ball. He was a member of the Tottenham Hotspur team that won the First Division Championship in 1955. He was also a member of the England team that won the World Cup in 1966. He was a very successful manager, and he was known for his ability to develop young players. He was a very popular manager, and he was loved by the fans. He was a very successful manager, and he was known for his ability to develop young players. He was a very popular manager, and he was loved by the fans.

under pressure than Alf Ramsey, and with the knockout ball, as a rule, he fitted perfectly into the scheme of things at Tottenham where they developed the finest push-and-run-close passing team since the famous Corinthians. Ramsey was one of the most consistent members of the side that won the Second and First Division Championships in successive seasons. Back in the England team he enjoyed a run of 23 consecutive appearances, and his final total was 32.

'DON'T MEDDLE WITH THE LAWS'



ONE topic that often crops up in conversation is ways and means of improving our game.

Honestly, I don't know who thinks up the schemes because some of them are just plain silly to yours truly. For a start, I think it's crazy to talk about making the goals bigger.

The poor goalkeeper has enough on his plate already without someone adding a couple of feet in width between his posts. Peter McCloy — we call him the Girvan Lighthouse at Ibrox because of his height and where he stays — might even struggle in that case and, remember, he is 6ft 4in!

If people want more goals that would certainly go a long way to giving them their wish. Somehow, though, I don't think the fans want too much tampering with the laws as they stand at the moment.

I see quite a lot of people are advocating that there should be no points for goalless draws. For the life of me I just cannot understand

that way of thinking, either.

Rangers have been involved in some goalless draws over the years and I've come off the pitch thinking we deserved two points never mind just one.

The critics are absolutely wrong if they believe a game without goals has been a complete and utter bore. Look at the Scottish Cup Final against Celtic at Hampden last season, for instance.

It ended 0-0 before going into extra-time, but I don't think anyone could complain about the standard

of the play that was on display for the first 90 minutes.

I hope English readers of this column don't mind me saying so, but I saw most of West Ham's triumph over Arsenal on television later and I would say there was a lot more action at Hampden.

Playing for Rangers means that most clubs are happy to come to Ibrox and settle for a point or try to pinch two.

It would hardly be fair if a club didn't cross the halfway line and we hit them with everything bar the new stand and still got nothing for our efforts at the end of the day.

I also see that several managers are advocating three points for an away victory and that's certainly interesting. It would mean travelling clubs opening up and possibly being a bit more adventurous.

Offside

And what about offside? There have been several experiments in that field over the years, but none have been satisfactory.

At one stage, the Drybrough Cup had a line drawn across the pitch — I think it was about 30 yards out from each goal — and that was the only place a player could be offside.

I don't think it really made that much difference. It meant that most teams had to play a defender on that line and that resulted in the use of the long ball in most games.

Anyway, I'll close now with a quick word about our game against Hearts at Ibrox on Saturday, October 11.

It'll be the first time I have played against former Ibrox favourite Alex MacDonald and I only hope he gets a warm welcome from our fans. However, I also hope he goes home without any points!

See you all in a fortnight.

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

Rangers' keeper Peter McCloy is known as the Girvan Lighthouse at Ibrox.

NOBBY

DIVE TO YOUR RIGHT, GOALIE



HE ALWAYS PUTS A PENALTY BOTTOM RIGHT-HAND CORNER



HE PUT IT TOP LEFT, HAVE YOU ANY MORE BRIGHT IDEAS?



NO, BUT YOUR MANAGER HAS!



EVERTON'S England striker Bob Latchford is wanted by his old club Birmingham City.

The St Andrews Club have been suffering from a goal famine from Keith Bertschin and recently boss Jim Smith pulled Frank Worthington off and then was involved in a bust up with the ex-England man.

He has made an enquiry about Latchford but held his hand when he heard the price. He is however still watching the situation at Goodison.

Ref, 84, retires

SOCCKER referee Tommy Fairhurst is retiring at the age of 84.

Tommy, who lives in New Moston, Manchester, has been Britain's oldest referee for years.

He has also been one of the most active and recalls vividly a recent 14-day spell during which he refereed 13 matches.

Tommy first refereed in Ireland in 1918 as a serviceman.

He says "In 62 years I've never had any trouble with any players and the older I've got the more they've respected me.

"Someone once tried to calculate how many matches I'd refereed and it ran into thousands.

"I had a bit of a heart attack after my last game in May and the doctors have advised me not to run about any more, so I'd better take notice of them.

"I'd still like to carry on, but I may have to restrict myself to umpiring at cricket," he says.

What a goal

SOCCKER history was created recently at Sheffield Park, Berwick, where the beleaguered 'Borderers', entertained mighty Aberdeen in the Bell's Scottish League Cup.

Berwick were two goals down after 12 minutes play, but worse was to follow as the Dons' keeper, Marc de Clerk hoisted a clearance downfield towards the Berwick box.

A freak gust of wind lifted the ball into the net.

Aberdeen eventually won 4-0 and de Clerk, a Dutch goalkeeper, had scored in his debut for the Scottish Champions.

Madden magic at Rochdale



If you were giving out medals for bravery there are many who reckon the first should be struck for Peter Madden (above right), the man who took on the worst club in the Football League.

Rochdale were that all right when they went cap in hand to the League in June to apply for re-election, and even to their own surprise were given a last chance.

Madden believes that if he'd been handed the job a couple of years ago Rochdale would never have found their life in danger at all.

"I can only blame myself really because I made a rod for my own back. I suggested they should go for a player-manager and Doug Collins was given the job, and between us we steered Rochdale safe from re-election which had seemed inevitable.

"Then when Doug left it was felt a more experienced manager was needed and they brought back Bob Stokoe for his second stint here. It never worked out.

"People told me I'd never get players to come to this club. They'll always come to play for me.

"I've picked up lads like Barry Wellings from York, Eugene Martin and Alan Jones from Bradford City, and Peter Burke from Halifax Town, and they've all done well for me.

"Last season I'd never known a club get so depressed. This season we've had one or two good results and the lads are oozing confidence.

"I'm confident that Rochdale have a good future now."

PHIL Weir has been with Alliance League club Telford United for the past six years but the Shropshire side were recently kicked out of the League Cup because they had included the goalkeeper in their side.

It transpires that Weir has not been registered by Telford with the Alliance League.

This over-sight occurred because Weir has been side-lined for nearly two years after breaking a leg.

Fulham boss to quit?

FULHAM manager Bobby Campbell is considering his future at the club as he faces the grim reality of trying to keep his side in the Third Division promotion chase with gates declining and insufficient cash available to strengthen a team shorn of £1 million worth of talent.

Campbell, who joined Fulham four years ago, has kept a low profile ever since the West London club decided to promote Rugby League football in an effort to combat mounting debts.

In the last 12 months he has had to sell established young stars like Richard Money, Chris Guthrie, Peter Kitchen and Teddy Maybank and there are growing rumours that more players may have to be sold if gates do not improve.

If that happens then Campbell may decide to quit and that would be the most serious blow Fulham have suffered after relegation and a series of board room battles.

GIBSON'S DREAM

PUSHING hard for international recognition is Aston Villa's 20-year-old defender, Colin Gibson.

Gibson thought himself unlucky not to have been in the England Under-21 side against Norway.

He said: "I'm very happy with the way things are going at the moment."

Gibson has been with the club for the past four years. He was then an outside-left but manager Ron Saunders converted him into a full-back with international qualities.



Glen's so loyal

ALDERSHOT goalkeeper Glen Johnson is one of six players to receive a Mecca Loyalty Award this season.

The Barrow born keeper, who was once on Arsenal's books, wins the award for making 300 appearances for the Fourth Division club.

Other award winners are Sammy McIlroy after making his 300th appearance for Manchester United, Ian Atkins (200 appearances for Shrewsbury Town), Paul Cooper (200 for Ipswich Town), John Wile (400 for West Brom) and Damien Richardson (300 for Gillingham).

Thirty three players received awards from Mecca last season.

NEWS DESK

Compiled by
BILL DAY



A reward for perseverance for Aston Villa's Irishman, Eamonn Deacy who has been granted a new three year contract when he harboured doubts about his future at the club.

"I'd have been pleased with a one year contract," admitted Deacy, who made a few appearances last season and started this one by embarrassingly conceding a penalty within 90 seconds against Leeds United.

"I asked the boss straight out if I figured in future plans and he said I would be given a chance. The competition is fierce now for a place but that's fair enough," said Deacy, 21, who just 18 months ago left the family fruit and vegetable business in Galway Bay and sent off 20 letters looking for trials. He paid his travelling and accommodation costs to get a chance at Villa and was taken on.

John Charles helps

THERE were sighs of relief in the Sheffield Wednesday camp when Jack Charlton turned down the chance to become manager of Leeds United.

He's enhancing his reputation even further with the progress he is making in Sheffield and has just enlisted the former Leeds, Wales and Italy star, John Charles (right), to assist the youth squad. Frank Blunstone, the Chelsea favourite of the 50's who gained five England caps, is another weighing up an offer to join The Owls.

Charles, the outstanding Welsh player of his generation, became the idol of Italy when he played for Juventus. He scored 154 goals for Leeds, 120 in Italy, 36 for Cardiff and could command any outfield position.

Charles is coaching the Wednesday youngsters two or three days a week. The rest of the week he looks after his pub, the 'New Inn' (It's really 100 years old) at Elland Road, Charwell which is about a mile from the Leeds ground.

HEROES ENGLAND

NEXT week's visit to Rumania will bring back memories of England's first-ever game in that country in May, 1939, during one of the longest tours undertaken by the F.A. up to that time — three weeks to Italy, Yugoslavia and Rumania.

Because of the tense situation on the Continent, with War clouds gathering, the tour nearly didn't take place, and it was only after earnest discussions at the Foreign Office that the F.A. got the all-clear.

We were made to realise, possibly for the first time, just how far Continental football had advanced, and following a 2-2 draw in Milan and a 2-1 defeat in Belgrade, England needed a win in Bucharest just to save face.

The party journeyed into Rumania from Belgrade via a 14-hour boat trip down the Danube and were greeted like heroes, being welcomed in the local newspapers as "ambassadors from the land of the birth of the game."

After a tour of the oil-fields and a visit to King Carol's fantastic summer palace the team went on to gain an easy 2-0 victory in Bucharest.

Stan Cullis captained England for the first time in what proved to be his final appearance in a full international, and a crowd of 40,000, with innumerable steel-helmeted guards ranged around the pitch, saw Len Goulden shoot England into an eighth minute lead and Don Welsh set the seal on victory with a second goal soon after the interval.

TREVOR FRANCIS/ADIDAS COMPETITION WINNERS

IF in our August 16th issue competition you knew that in 1971 Trevor Francis became the youngest player to score four goals in a Football League match; that his first full England debut was against Holland, and that when he transferred to Nottingham Forest he was also contracted to play for Detroit Express, then you were in with a chance of a super prize.

All entries correctly answering the quiz were then judged on neatness, with ages considered, and the judges selected that sent by David Hobbs, of Merriott, Somerset, as the best. David wins a full Nottingham Forest replica strip plus a pair of Trevor's new Adidas PRO football boots from his Silverline range.

The 24 runners-up who also receive a pair of PRO boots plus a personally autographed poster are:

David Billington, Oldbury; Paul Briggs, Wellingborough; Anthony Brown, Aberavenny; Robert Burness, Warley; Christopher Button, Dover; Richard Clarke, Sale; Stuart Clarke, Lewes; Maurice Clover, Canterbury; Phillip Deeks, Birmingham; Barry Doherty, London, S.E.8; Alex Griffiths, Sale; Bryan Leslie, Sawbridgeworth; Dean Lucas, Dover; A. W. Mangham, Rotherham; Neil Morris, Shepperton; Simon Osborne, Bath; Paul O'Reilly, Birmingham; Paul Sabulis, Plymouth; Andrew Saunders, Stamford; Garry Shadbolt, Bridgwater; Jonathan Simpson, Nottingham; C. Trafford, Hull; Jane Turnbull, Nottingham; Tony Wickett, Waltham Abbey.



DAVE Thomas, still transfer-listed by Wolves, made an unexpected return to the Midlanders side for their U.E.F.A. Cup tie against PSV Eindhoven for his first senior outing in nine months.

Wolves went down 3-1 and Thomas, a late inclusion because of injuries, produced a good performance operating in a midfield role. But he is still determined to leave Molineux.

He cost Wolves £350,000 from Everton and manager John Barnwell is hoping to recoup most of this cash to spend on a new player badly needed at the present time.

Du Bose on trial

ENGLISH fans have a chance to judge the strength of the American soccer team when England B play the USA at Old Trafford on October 14th.

The NASL has prospered mainly because of the imported players from Europe and South America. No young American has really hit the big time . . . yet.

One player hoping to make a big impression is goalkeeper Winston DuBose. The 25-year-old Tampa Bay Rowdies star is keen to join an English club and he's keeping his fingers crossed a good performance will impress any First or Second Division clubs' representatives.

Winston spent last winter with Ipswich and did well in several reserve games. He says: "I have a fabulous house in Tampa, the climate is perfect and I earn a good salary. But England is the only place to play football and I'd be prepared to give it all up to come here."

Orient's fear

ORIENT boss Jimmy Bloomfield is dreading receiving a letter from the Nigerian FA. He knows before he opens the envelope that it will be a request for him to release his star winger John Chidozie — in November!

Chidozie, one of the Second Division's outstanding players so far this season, opted to play for Nigeria in the summer — and starred in their World Cup qualifying victory over Tunisia.

Now the Nigerians are certain to want "Chie" for their vital matches against Tanzania next month (November). Chidozie says: "I enjoy playing for Nigeria, but I know my release at such an important time is up to the club." So there could be some heart-searching down at Brisbane Road over the next few weeks.

Briefly...

- A local hotelier has promised Bangor £10,000 if they win the 1980-81 Irish League Championship.
- Aston Villa's shock 2-1 defeat by Cambridge United in the League Cup Third Round game was their 100th in the competition.
- The wrangle which started when Luton assistant-manager Ken Gutteridge suddenly left the club in May could end in a High Court action.
- Gutteridge, now on the dole in Derby, wants to take the club to a High Court hearing for wrongful dismissal and breach of contract.
- Remember that towering England centre-half of the 60's Peter Swan? His son Carl, 21, is doing so well for Burton Albion that Doncaster Rovers are one of several League clubs showing interest.
- Gillingham centre-forward Antonio Bottiglieri has two ambitions — to play for an Italian League side and Italy.
- The youngster, of Italian extraction was born in Chatham and won honours for Kent at schoolboy and youth level. He made his League debut last March against Mansfield and is still only 18.
- George Best, back with Hibs after his spell in North America with San Jose Earthquakes, is for sale at £60,000.

Chairman Tom Hart said: "It is now up to Best. He is back in the shop window again".

● Liverpool manager Bob Paisley is skilled at calming his players.

As the players prepared to leave the dressing room before the second leg of the League Cup Second Round tie against Bradford City Paisley was heard to mutter: "We should do all right tonight, they've never played under lights before!"

● Everton skipper Mike Lyons saw the reward for 12 loyal years of service at Goodison Park.

A testimonial in his honour against a team of ex-Blues, including Duncan McKenzie, Martin Dobson and Howard Kendall, raised £25,000.

● A pat on the back for Scottish football. Spurs and Scotland striker Steve Archibald says: "People in England seem to think the Scottish League is a Mickey Mouse affair — but it's not."

"There are a lot of good players and a lot of good teams North of the border and I'm sure English fans would be surprised at the general high standard in Scotland."

● Police constable Jack Murray can boast the finest collection of football stamps in the world — after spending 30 years on his hobby. Jack, from Glasgow, has no fewer than 30 albums full of stamps depicting some aspect of football.

The collection is now worth several thousand pounds and Jack keeps it in a bank vaults — except when it is needed for exhibitions in Europe, South America and even behind the Iron Curtain.

Port Vale booster

FAMOUS clubs like Manchester United, Liverpool and Ipswich have far-flung branches of their supporters clubs, now lowly Port Vale, near the bottom of the Fourth Division, are joining the ranks.

A branch of the Port Vale F.C. Supporters Club has just been formed at the home of table-topping Ipswich Town.

While many Ipswich fans were in London watching Ipswich go two points clear at the top of the First Division by beating Crystal Palace 2-1 a coach load was boosting a meagre crowd for the Port Vale-Aldershot game to 2,370.

Regulars at the Spread Eagle public house in Ipswich met "down in the dumps" Port Vale supporters when returning from an Ipswich match with Everton last season and promised they would give Port Vale some support. Landlord Alastair Yule said they had seemed a bit fed up, "we wanted to give them a boost".

So on Saturday (September 13) while others were setting off to London to support their team the Spread Eagle coach, bedecked with the black and white of Port Vale, headed for the Potteries.

The 44 flying fans added vocal support on the terraces and in the stands but even so the poor Valiants lost 1-0 to slump further down the League.

Afterwards they were entertained by the Port Vale regulars in the club house and met some of the players and are planning to make a return trip later in the season — on a date that fits in with the Ipswich Town fixtures.

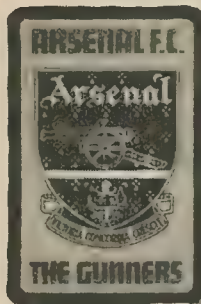
Their visit boosted takings at the club souvenir shop. Port Vale's black and white is also Ipswich Town's second choice playing strip so the scarves and other souvenirs will get plenty of use.

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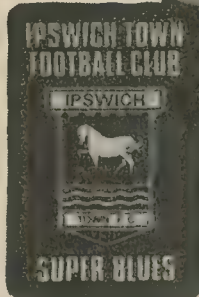
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Now it's... SUPER STRACHAN

ALL eyes have been on Aberdeen's midfield general Gordon Strachan this season.

The former bad boy of Scottish soccer, with a flaming temperament to match his red hair, has been in the spotlight since picking up his Player of the Year trophy last season from Scotland's Football Press and also breaking into Jock Stein's international squad.

Some critics thought the player was a flash in the pan and that he couldn't possibly maintain the sort of form that catapulted him into the headlines last season.

There are no longer any doubts. Strachan has effectively wiped the question marks that might have hovered over his ability.

Calibre

One man who certainly rates Strachan as an opponent of the highest calibre is Austria's World Cup star Walter Schachner, of Austria Vienna, Aberdeen's First Round European Cup opponents.

After The Dons' 1-0 triumph at Pittodrie in the first-leg the Austrian was forced to say: "We knew all about this player Strachan and we had been warned that he was their main playmaker."

"We tried to close him down, but it was virtually impossible. He was all over the pitch, spreading the ball around, taking on defenders, backing up players and always making himself available."

"He is a marvellous motivator, always wanting to be where the action is. I rate him very highly. He is a superb striker of the ball, very clean with either foot."

Strachan shrugs off such praise

and says: "We play a team game at Pittodrie and there are no individuals. We are told to express our individuality, but no one tries to hog the limelight."

And what about his temperament? Several times he was clattered by the rugged Austrians and there wasn't even the merest hint of retaliation.

"That's a mug's game," says Strachan. "I just don't want to know about that side of football. You are playing right into the hands of your opponents if you allow them to destroy your concentration."

"If I get kicked I just try harder to play better. That's the only way to get the message across."

Strachan's play this season has been immense as he has led the Champions by example with his wonderful, subtle promptings. And, of course, he was Scotland's World Cup match-winner in Stockholm when he scored the only goal of the game against Sweden.

The player admits that everything went so swiftly that he can't remember too much about the goal! It started when he robbed a Swedish defender, slipped a neat pass to Archie Gemmill, made a run into space for the return and then simply hit a measured shot of breathtaking accuracy away from helpless 'keeper Ronnie Hellstrom.

"It certainly was enjoyable to kick-off our World Cup campaign with an away victory," says Strachan. "We did what we had to do and got the points we needed."

The new maturity of Strachan is a joy to behold. Spain in '82 certainly beckons with such players available to Jock Stein.



Blackpool's RECORD-MAKER

FOOTBALL history was written on the night of Tuesday, September 9, when 15 minutes from the end of an Anglo/Scottish Cup-tie a 14-year-old striker took his place in the Blackpool side playing Kilmarnock.

He was Eamonn Collins from Inchicore, Dublin. His introduction in what was a very important Quarter-Final first-leg tie gained him instant entry into the record books. He is now the youngest player to turn out for an English League club in a competitive game.

Eamonn did not disappoint his team-mates. Although he didn't score he played some delightful football and in the end Blackpool were worthy 2-1 winners.

Eamonn will be 15 on October 22, and cannot be legally employed by his club until then.

He came to Blackpool on a trial basis a few months ago and is already well on the road to

achieving stardom in professional football.

From the age of four he has cherished the ambition of becoming a soccer star.

Now it seems that it is about to be realised and football fans (particularly in Ireland) will watch his career with much interest.

Eamonn comes from a noted Dublin footballing family. His father Michael for many years starred with a number of Irish senior League clubs, North and South of the border, and won an F.A.I. (Football Association of Ireland) Cup winner's medal with Transport.

Eamonn's elder brother, also Michael, has played for St. Patrick's Athletic and Dundalk and gained an Irish Youth cap.

The youngster built up a formidable reputation with his local youth side Emmet Rangers, and scored over 100 goals a season in the Dublin and District Schoolboys League.



YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1 The ball curls towards the goal-keeper. He shouts "LEAVE IT" to a team-mate and catches the ball. Should you (a) award a free-kick or (b) take no action?

2 A goalkeeper whose team is losing leaves his goal to play in attack and scores. Should you (a) allow the goal, (b) disallow the goal and restart with an indirect free-kick?

3 You see a substitute in a tracksuit warming up by running along a touch-line. Should you take any action?

4 The ball is kicked towards goal. The goalkeeper is well positioned to save but the ball strikes an attacker's hand and is deflected into the goal. Should you award (a) a goal-kick, (b) a goal or (c) a free-kick against the attacker?

5 Can a forward charge a goalkeeper who is holding the ball inside his own goal-area?

ANSWERS

1. Take no action (b). 2. Allow the goal (a). I remember when I was linesman in the Argentina World Cup in a match between Poland and Peru when the goalkeeper from Peru ran to the halfway line and deliberately brought down an opponent, he was rightly cautioned. This was the first time I have seen a keeper come out so far from his goal-area. 3. Yes. 4. A goal (b). 5. Yes.

'Clarke wi

My pal and former Leeds United team-mate Allan Clarke has made a promise — to win a major honour for the club within three years.

Knowing Allan's capabilities as a former player and manager, that is no idle boast even though restoring my old club as one of the game's leading lights is one of the toughest jobs in football.

Funnily enough, when I was at Leeds with Allan, Billy Bremner, Norman Hunter, Terry Cooper,

Johnny Giles and Jackie Charlton, he was the one man I never thought would go on to become a manager.

At team-talks it was always Billy and Co. who did most of the talking, suggesting changes to the then boss Don Revie.

Sniffer had a mind of his own, thought deeply about the game and was never afraid to voice his opinion. But he was the quiet man of the side — a loner.

His particular friends at Elland Road were Mick Jones and skipper Billy Bremner, his room-mate on away trips. It was an unlikely combination. Billy the firebrand . . . Allan the lean, silent type.

In fact it was Billy who recom-



Il keep his promise to Leeds'

mended Allan for the manager's job at Barnsley.

Billy was the man the Oakwell directors really wanted as their player-manager. But he didn't want to go on playing, so suggested Clarke for the position.

Barnsley respected Billy's opinion and appointed the man who was one of the finest strikers I've ever seen.

Only one current player can



come anywhere near Allan's positive style and lethal finishing power . . . Kenny Dalglish. I wonder what he would be worth on today's current transfer market.

As a player Sniffer had tremendous discipline on and off the field. He was never late for training and took a great pride in his appearance. You hardly ever saw him without a suit, collar and tie.

Discipline was one of the first things he sorted out at Barnsley. He also ensured his team realised how

fortunate they were to be earning a living playing football by taking them all down a pit.

'Sniffer didn't take long imposing his authority on the players at Leeds, either.

On his first morning he gave his first team squad a rollicking for throwing their training gear on the dressing room floor for the apprentices to collect.

Allan also declared certain players weren't as fit as they should be, certainly not as well prepared as those he had left behind at Barnsley. He'll soon sort that out.

Obviously there's a lot of hard work to be done at Leeds and Allan won't solve all the problems overnight. But he's the right man for the job.

Allan still lives in the city, has brought in his own men and is not afraid of making decisions. He'll also get the best out of the players who haven't done too well for other managers.

Clarke could do for Leeds what Brian Clough has for Nottingham Forest. Look how well John Robertson, Ian Bowyer, Kenny Burns and Larry Lloyd have done under Cloughie. Before he arrived their careers didn't look too healthy.

Allan and Clough are similar in many respects. They both have the same determined, confident even



Clarke (far right) and McQueen (centre) were team-mates at Leeds.

arrogant style. They both desperately want to be winners.

Players love managers with ambition and drive. It motivates them. One of the main reasons I left Leeds was because I thought the club had lost its almost insatiable thirst for honours.

I might have still been there if Brian Clough had lasted more than 44 days as manager back in 1974.

Allan and I were practically the only two players who wanted the man to stay and see what he could have done for the world-famous club Don Revie had built from nothing.

But Leeds sacked Clough and paid dearly for that mistake. Jimmy Armfield, Jock Stein and now Jimmy Adamson have failed to restore Leeds to their rightful position at the top.

Revie was a difficult man to replace. His influence is still felt around Elland Road like a ghost. The office Allan now sits in is still

called "Don's Room".

Naturally I want Allan and Leeds to succeed. Most of my best pals are Leeds fans and I still watch the club whenever I can.

Apart from scoring goals for Leeds, Allan was also fanatical about playing for England . . . just as I am for Scotland.

As you know, next Wednesday (October 15th) at Hampden Park Scotland meet Portugal for a vital World Cup qualifying tie.

Strongest

If I'm fit enough I certainly hope to be included in Jock Stein's squad, which is probably our strongest for a number of years, especially up-front.

Andy Gray, Kenny Dalglish, Steve Archibald, Gordon Strachan and Joe Jordan, if he's available, are capable of scaring the wits out of any international side.

Scotland beat Portugal 4-1 in a friendly at Hampden last March. I watched the game live on TV and despite the result, thought the Portuguese looked a useful side.

A recent 3-1 defeat in Italy won't have done their confidence any good at all, but Scotland must not be too complacent.

Our tremendous win in Sweden will create a great atmosphere at Hampden. When that happens there's a tendency to play to the crowd.

To gain two more valuable World Cup points Scotland must play a disciplined game, and I think they will.

This Saturday United are at home to Arsenal.

We've had some dull meetings at Highbury, but matches at Old Trafford are generally exciting.

United won last season's corresponding game 3-0 and I scored. Mind you I often manage to get among the goals against The Gunners, so, stand by for action this weekend.

Gordon McQueen



Clarke has introduced his own coaching staff and could prove the ideal manager for struggling Leeds.

GOAL-LINES

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This week's Star Letter comes from Peter Jardine of Glasgow, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

GO-AHEAD RANGERS

★ During the first month or so of the new soccer season, the Press, officials, and players have moaned about dropping crowds and the lack of attraction in football.

I am a supporter of Rangers F.C., notorious for the bad behaviour of their fans; but during last year and now at the start of the season Rangers have made a great effort to attract the fans back to the game.

Rangers' gates for their first three home games v. Arsenal, v. Spurs, v. Partick Thistle totalled 87,000, almost 40,000 up on last season. Only four arrests were made in these matches.

Before the Spurs game a new modern stand was opened, opposite to its 'copy' built two seasons ago; after the match the Centenary Stand was pulled down to be replaced by the final phase of a £9 million super stadium.

At every home League Saturday the first 200 youngsters entering the new stands are presented with free gifts. Rangers have just decided to put their prices down for the rest of the season, and are going to spend £100,000 on a walkway to take fans direct to the nearby underground.

On the field manager John Greig has spent £800,000 in a year for new players. The final total of spending comes to around £10 million in a bid to bring back the fans, increase safety, and win trophies for Rangers.

If some English clubs could spend this sort of money, then maybe the crowds wouldn't be falling in Britain.

● We all know why gates are falling and it isn't the state of the grounds. Having received so much bad publicity through their fans, it's good to see Rangers setting the right example in this respect.

F.A. Greed

I HAD intended going to watch England's opening World Cup qualifier versus Norway. Faced with the prospect of paying £6.50 to sit on an ancient bench and try to see through a safety fence or else pay £3.50 to stand on the terraces I decided to accept the televised highlights instead.



Tony Woodcock scores for England against Norway.

So as well as hooliganism and out-dated stadiums we can now add another reason to the list of factors which are driving fans away in their thousands — the incredible greed of the F.A.

K. A. RICHARDSON,
HYDE HEATH.

● The F.A. should have halved the admission prices to boost the gate. People won't pay first-class prices to watch second-class opponents.



Paul Barron

Don't jeer Paul

AS a keen Crystal Palace fan I was very sorry to hear that the crowd's favourite, John Burridge, was leaving Selhurst Park.

However, just because Budgie is moving on, I do not understand why his replacement, Paul Barron, is jeered and shouted at by the Palace crowd.

In my opinion, Paul is a brilliant goalie, and does not deserve these cat-calls. If these so called fans kept quiet maybe Paul could concentrate on stopping goals.

If they want Palace to be successful, they should surely cheer for Paul.

ANDREW COOKE,
OXFORD.

● Palace's slump to the bottom of the table wasn't Paul's fault. His defence has given him poor cover.

An adult at 12

WHEN is a child not a child? The four football clubs in West Yorkshire each have a different answer.

Leeds say when you're 16; Halifax when you're 14; at Huddersfield you're an adult at 13 and at Bradford a 12-year-old has to pay the same price as a working adult.

PAUL SMITH,
ELLAND.

P.S. I'm 17 and bankrupt.

● I'd say you should pay full admission when you leave school.

Only one survivor

MANY football clubs have tried, but dear old Fulham were the first to actually try Rugby League. Unfortunately, I don't share the Fulham chairman's optimistic view. The British weather won't allow the two games to survive on natural grass (or, in this case, Fulham's notoriously muddy pitch).

Fulham will have to decide — football or rugby? They may well be right to go for rugby, but I'm sure football will suffer from an impossible pitch if they continue with rugby. Especially as they play rugby on virtually any pitch condition.

It's a pity but it's also a fact.

ALEC WHITTEN,
LONDON.

● I suspect manager Bobby Campbell feels the same way — but rugby brings in much-needed money.

A dream?

DARE we hope that Eire, N Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England can all qualify for the World Cup Finals in Spain, 1982?

It may only be a pipe dream, but I believe with falling standards at international level and the number of qualifiers for the Finals increased — who's to say all our sides cannot reach Spain?

JOHN FORSTER,
DENTON BURN.

● In view of the history of fan-trouble, I reckon most Spaniards are hoping none qualify.

Blame players, not refs

I READ with interest the letter on a player being sent-off for two yellow card offences.

Being a qualified referee, I must say that I agree that referees do not always notice that a player has already been cautioned until after they show him the second yellow card and then have to send him off.

But I do not agree that the laws should be changed. If a player continues to show dissent after being cautioned he should be ordered off.

For persisting in misconduct after receiving a caution I feel he should also be sent-off.

Reader Jeremy Tilson refers to such sendings-off as "silly". Referees never send players off unless they have very good reason to.

Instead of blaming referees it would be more useful if players curbed senseless dissent and foul-language which mar the game for everybody.

A. SMITH,
WOLVERCOTE.

● Both parties need to understand each others problems a lot more. Refs don't always appreciate that a player explodes in the heat of the moment... although more self-discipline would improve the game.

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Wilkins at Chelsea

How many games and goals did Ray Wilkins have for Chelsea before moving to Manchester United?

HAAK HORN,
WEST GERMANY

● The son of a former Brentford player, he first came to Chelsea as a junior, Haak — and then signed as a full professional in October, 1973.

Wilkins played his first League game that same month, coming on as substitute against Norwich.

Up to the time of his transfer to Manchester United in August, 1979, he'd played 179 League games for Chelsea, scoring 30 goals.

Penalty-arc

What is the circular marking on the edge of the penalty-area for?

DAVID O'NEILL,
WEST MIDLANDS

● There's a very sound reason for that penalty-arc, David.

When a penalty is taken, all players — with of course, the exception of the kicker and the goalkeeper — must be outside the area, and also at least ten yards from the penalty-spot.

The penalty-arc — inside which, like the penalty-area proper, other players cannot encroach until the kick has been taken — thus makes it impossible for any player to be less than ten yards from the spot.

Until the introduction of this arc of a circle of ten yards' radius from the spot — it only came in as recently as 1937 — the ref had to judge the distance without any clear guide to prevent possible disputes.

SHORT PASSES

● World's first official soccer international was a 0-0 draw between Scotland and England in Glasgow on 30th November, 1872.

(BRIAN GLEN, Bromsgrove)

● The first League game of Manchester United (then known as Newton Heath) was a 4-3 defeat at Blackburn Rovers on 3rd September, 1892.

(ROSEMARIE PEREIRA, Mitcham)

● Football League record for home wins in a season is held by Brentford — who won all 21 in the old Third Division (South) in 1929-30.

(PHILIP NORMAN, Billingham)

● Denis Law gained 55 full caps for Scotland between the 1958-59 and 1973-74 seasons.

(JOHN DEMPSEY, Ayrshire)

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Mr and Mrs Brady have been in Turin only a few months, but already they feel very much at home. On the field Liam is playing superbly and is the new hero of Juventus. Meanwhile, Liam and Sarah take every opportunity to explore Turin — even if football is never too far away!

Signor Brady



Juventus, 1980/81. Back row: Casullo, Zoff, Fanna, Bettge, Scirea, Gentile. Front row: Casoreccio, Frandelli, Cabral, Tardelli, Brady.



SHOOT!

Liam beats the Italians - in Tardelli's car!

It may be too early to say, but all the signs are there for Sarah and Liam Brady, happiness is... living and playing in Turin.

If the ex-Arsenal star had any worries before flying to Italy at the end of July to join Juventus on a three year contract, they are now gone for good. Just look at the smiles on Liam's and Sarah's faces and you'll see they really love it.

"On the night he landed in Turin Liam rang me back in London to tell me how everything was fantastic," says Mrs Brady. "He had planned to take me to Italy only a couple of months later, to be sure he'd realise what it was like, but after the marvellous welcome he got from the Juventus fans and players, he decided I should join him as soon as

possible."

After two weeks, Liam was back in London to help Sarah to pack up and return to Turin with him.

So far they have been living in a suite at the posh Hotel Ambasciatori, in the centre of the city, waiting to move into a villa in the exclusive "green belt" on the hills, just a stone's throw from two of Italy's top golf courses, which will allow Liam to go on practising his favourite pastime.

"It took quite a while before we spotted our new home," points out Sarah, "But we were looking for at least two bedrooms, to accommodate our relatives and friends who will visit us from



In the morning it is Marco Tardelli, the international midfielder, who picks him up from the hotel and takes him to the Stadio Comunale, where they join the rest of the team.

"Sometimes Marco lets me drive his car," reveals Brady, "and I'm already very good at beating the Italians at their own traffic game, in spite of their sticking to the wrong side of the road!"

Apart from the secrets of man-to-man marking and the tight ball control which are the essence

of Italian football, Brady has already learned from his new mates many of the local card games, although he admits he's far from proficient.

"The Juventus lads are so good that they even pretend they are happy to be my partners for a round, although they know that with me they are bound to lose."

It is however a small sacrifice for Bettega and Co., who have appreciated from the very beginning the importance of having Brady in their team, as well as the fans and the Press.

"I thought the English were soccer-crazy, but there's no comparison with the passion of the Italians. They live for football, it is a sort of religion to many of them, more important than anything else in their lives.

"And the pages which the newspapers dedicate to football reports are unbelievable. There are even three sport-only dailies, and I keep seeing my name in the headlines.

"I cannot yet understand what they write about me, but from the enthusiasm of the fans I imagine it is mainly nice things."

It will not be long, however, before Brady and his wife master Italian. They are already taking lessons and have made many friends in Turin, who like to have them around for dinner.

So far the move from Arsenal to Juventus has been a smooth, two-way affair with Turin.

The Bradys love the town, and the town loves them, with no regrets to all from either side.

GIANCARLO GALAVOTTI

England. Anyway I don't regret living in an hotel at all. It has given me the opportunity to settle down without having to worry about the furniture and the kitchen.

"Everything will be all right, I'm sure. I have promised Liam that I'll become as good a cook as any Italian housewife!"

Whilst Sarah spends her days looking around at the luxury fashion shops and seeing the sights of the city, which until the last century was the home of the Kings of Italy, Liam goes to train with Juventus for the daily sessions.

Liam and his attractive wife Sarah are enjoying life in Italy following his protracted move from Arsenal during the close season.

FOREIGNERS IN ITALY — AVERAGE MATCH RATING SO FAR

Player	Club	Origin	Rating
Prohaska	Inter	Austria	6.75
Krol	Napoli	Holland	6.75
Brady	Juventus	Eire	6.56
Falcao	Roma	Brazil	6.50
Neumann	Udinese	W. Ger	6.50
Bertoni	Fiorentina	Argen.	6.43

* These are the top six of the 10 imported players; marks out of 10 averaged from four different newspapers and magazines.

ITALIAN LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fiorentina	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Roma	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
Inter	3	2	0	1	8	2	4
Juventus	3	1	2	0	4	2	4

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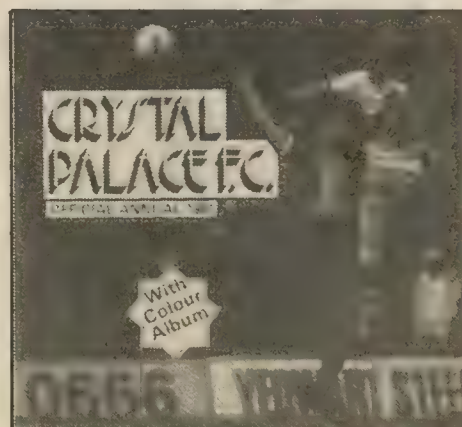


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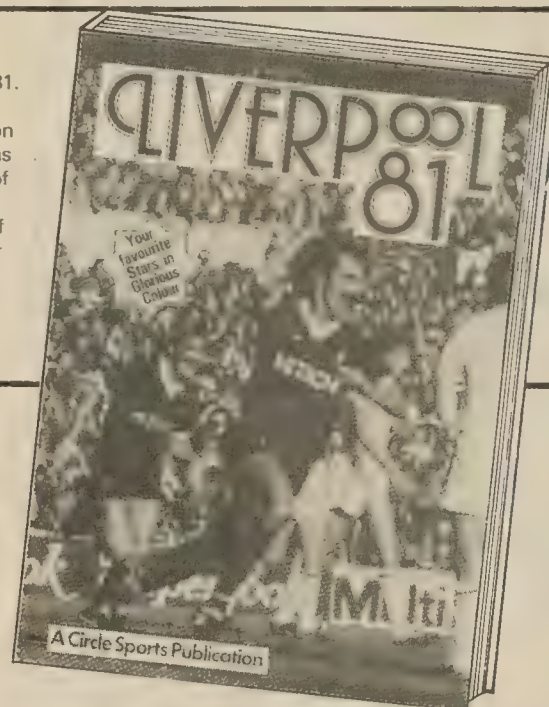


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First Division

NORWICH (1) 1 (Fashanu)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 18,158
Norwich: Hansbury, Bond, Nightingale, Barham (Mendham), Hoadley, Powell, Woods, Fashanu, Muzinic, Paddon, Goble.
Southampton: Wells, Golac, McCartney (Hebbard), Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Boyer, Channon, George, Holmes, Baker.

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 3 (Birtles, Bowyer, Wallace)
MANCHESTER CITY (2) 2 (Bennett, Henry) 23,184

Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Birtles, Wallace, Robertson.
Man. City: MacRae, Reid, Power, Booth, Caton, Henry, Tueart, Daley, Mackenzie, Bennett, Reeves

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Jankovic) 32,745
Sunderland: Turner, Hinnigan, Bolton, Allardyce, Elliott, Marangoni, Chisholm, Arnott, Hawley (Rowell), Brown, Cummins.
Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Bailey, Johnston, Angus, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Askew.

WOLVES (0) 0
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Bodak) 18,115
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel (Villasanz), Hughes, Berry, Clarke, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.
Coventry: Blyth, Coop, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Jacobs, Bodak, Daly, Hateley, English, Hunt.

Second Division

BLACKBURN (0) 3 (Garner 2, Stonehouse)
LUTON (0) 0 9,076

Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, DeVries, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Stonehouse, Garner, McKenzie, Speight.
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, West, Moss.

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
OLDHAM (0) 0 3,808
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Bater, McCaffery, Mubbutt, Hughes, Pulis, Williams, Bates (Jones), Penny, Lee.
Oldham: McDonnell, Hoolickin, Blair, Kowenicki, Clements, Hurst, Wyldie, Fletcher, Stainrod, Keegan, Atkinson.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Lee) 9,474
Cambridge: Webster, Evans, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, O'Neill, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Christie.
Chelsea: Borota, Wilkins, Rofe, Bumstead, Droy, Nutton, Britton, Filery, Lee, Walker, Chivers.

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Stevens)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Walsh) 6,649
Cardiff: Grotier, Grapes, Lewis, Campbell, Pontin, Dwyer, Bishop, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.
Bolton: Peacock, Clement, Burke, Cantello, Jones (Wilson), Walsh, Nowak, Whatmore, Gowing, Kidd, Hoggan.

GRIMSBY (0) 0
DERBY (1) 1 (Swindlehurst) 15,052
Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Moore, Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Kilmore (Liddell), Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.
Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Powell (S), Osgood, Ramage, Skivington, Powell (B), Biley, Swindlehurst, Emsen.

QPR (0) 1 (Hazell)
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Boam, Hibbitt) 10,865
QPR: Woods, McCreery, Gillard, Waddock, Hazell, Roeder, Fereday (Hill), Shanks, Langley, Currie, Burke.
Newcastle: Hardwick, Carney, Davies, Walker, Boam, Mitchell, Shoulder, Rafferty, Clarke, Hibbitt (Cartwright), Koenen.

SHEFFIELD WED (1) 2 (Pearson, King)
BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Ritchie) 15,054
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, King, Taylor, Johnson, Owen (Campbell), Pearson, Mellor.
Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Hay, Tainton, Rodgers, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Gow, Whitehead, Ritchie, Mabbutt.

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Stevenson)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Kilcline) 10,921
Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Mahoney, Stevenson, Phillips, Giles, James (R), James (L), Charles, Robinson.
Notts. County: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Mair (Hooks).

WATFORD (1) 2 (Bolton (pen), Jenkins)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Coleman) 11,275
Watford: Steele, Henderson, Jackett, Patching (Callaghan), Sims, Bolton, Blissett, Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.
Preston: Tunks, Cameron, McAteer, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Coleman, McGee, Fayre (Elliott), Bruce.

WEST HAM (1) 3 (King (og), Goddard, Cross)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 22,339
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour (Morgan), Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Lindsay, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Dungworth, Edwards, Petts.

WREXHAM (1) 3 (McNeil, Vinter, Moores (og))
ORIENT (1) 1 (Bowles) 5,356
Wrexham: Davies, Jones (J), Dwyer (Fox), Davis, Cegielski, Carrodus, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Cartwright.
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Hughton, Gray, Parsons (Godfrey), Chiedozie, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Margerison.

Third Division

BARNLEY (0) 1 (Glavin)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 13,819

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Morris, Harrison)
HULL (0) 2 (Haigh 2) 6,138

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Booker)
FULHAM (1) 3 (O'Driscoll, Brown, Davies) 11,600

CARLISLE (0) 0
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 3,029

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Hales (pen))
CHESTER (0) 0 4,422

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Hunter, Walker)
PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Graves, Kemp) 5,561

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Foley, Lee, Rowles)
MILLWALL (0) 0 2,724

EXETER (0) 0
BURNLEY (0) 0 4,534

NEWPORT (0) 0
OXFORD (1) 1 (Brock) 5,256

READING (1) 1 (Bevan)
SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 0 7,429

SWINDON (0) 2 (Greenwood, Rowland)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Towner) 5,498

WALSALL (1) 2 (Rees, Buckley)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 5,738

Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Massey)
TRANMERE (0) 0 2,642

BURY (1) 4 (Madden, Butler, Johnson, Hilton)
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (McClelland) 2,668

CREWE (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Cork 3) 1,881

DARLINGTON (1) 3 (Stalker 3)
WIGAN (1) 1 (McLean (og)) 2,321



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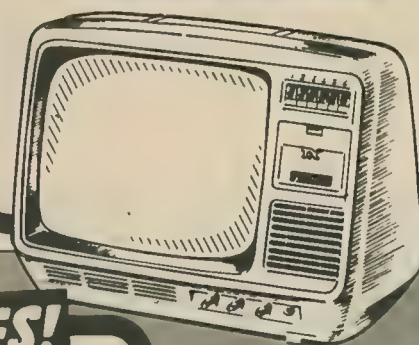
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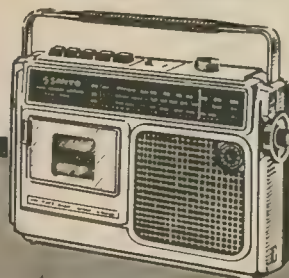
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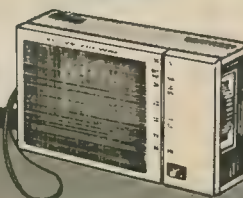
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LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCORERS...

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Firth)	
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0	1,228
HEREFORD 0	
SOUTHEND 0	2,464
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0	
DONCASTER (1) 2 (Little, Pugh)	12,280
PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Cooke, Quow)	
ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Wellings, Hilditch)	3,906
PORT VALE (0) 0	
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (McGregor)	2,370
STOCKPORT 0	
LINCOLN 0	3,29
TORQUAY (2) 2 (Cooper, Lawrence)	
BRADFORD (0) 0	2,611
YORK (0) 0	
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Houchen)	2,504

Scottish Premier

AIRDRIE 0	
DUNDEE UNITED 0	3,000
Airdrie: Martin, Erwin, Rodger, Walker, Anderson (G), Anderson (N), Thompson, Clark, McCulloch, Gordon, McGuire.	
Dundee United: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Kirkwood, Hegarty, Philip, Bannan, Sturrock, Payne, Addison, Dodds.	

HEARTS (0) 0	
CELTIC (1) 2 (Provan, Nicholas)	17,169
Hearts: Brough, Robinson, Jefferies, Boyd, Liddell, Kidd, Bowman, Gibson, O'Connor, Robertson, MacDonald.	
Celtic: Bonnar, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, McCluskey, Burns, Nicholas.	

MORTON (1) 2 (Cochrane, McNeil)	
KILMARNOCK (0) 0	5,000
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeill, Cochrane, Thompson, Hutchison, Ritchie.	
Kilmarnock: McCulloch (Maxwell), McLean, Robertson, Clark, Armstrong, McDicken, Gibson, Mauchien, McBride, Crammond, Street.	

PARTICK (1) 1 (Park)	
ST MIRREN (0) 0	4,000
Partick: Rough, Doyle, Whittaker, Jardine, Welsh, Campbell, Park, Gibson, O'Hara, Higgins, Watson.	
St Mirren: Thomson, Young, Beckett, Richardson, McCormack, Copland, Abercrombie, Stark, Somner, Weir, Bone.	

RANGERS (1) 1 (McAdam)	
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Strachan pen)	32,000
Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Miller, Forsyth (Johnstone), Jackson, Batt, Cooper, McLean, McAdam, Redford, Johnston.	
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, McMaster, McGhee, Hewitt, Scanlon.	

Scottish First

AYR (1) 1 (Morris)	
HIBERNIAN (0) 3 (MacLeod, Jamieson, Rae)	3,960

DUMBARTON (0) 2 (Gallagher, MacLeod)	
EAST STIRLING (1) 2 (Coyle o.g.), McCully pen)	3,782

DUNDEE (0) 2 (Fraser, Shirra pen)	
BERWICK (2) 2 (Smith, Deakin)	4,360

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 (McNaughton pen, Leonard)	
STIRLING (0) 0	2,350

FALKIRK (2) 3 (Mackin, Perry, Conn)	
CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (Sweeney, Given pen)	3,040

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Kidd)	
RAITH (1) 1 (Harrow)	1,640

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Docherty)	
HAMILTON (0) 0	1,574

Scottish Second

ALBION (2) 2 (Campbell, Higgins)	
COWDENBEATH (0) 0	890

ARBROATH (0) 1 (Yule)	
ALLOA (0) 1 (Shields)	750

BRECHIN 0	
QUEENS PARK 0	560

CLYDE (2) 4 (O'Neill, Masterton 3)	
MONTROSE (2) 3 (McDonald, Taylor, Markland)	1,010

EAST FIFE (0) 3 (Harvey, Thompson 2)	
STRANRAER (1) 1 (McLaren o.g.)	840

QoS (3) 4 (Dickson, Roddy pen, Learmont, Coughlin)	
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 4 (Brice, Jack, Graham, Murray)	750

FORFAR (2) 3 (Clark pen, Watt, Gillies)	
MEADOWBANK (0) 2 (Jobson, Sproat)	940

Monday, September 15

Third Division

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Funnell)	
BARNLEY (0) 1 (Banks)	6,900

Fourth Division

MANFIELD (1) 1 (McClelland)	
WIMBLEDON (0) 0	2,903

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Spence)	
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0	5,609

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Williams, Sword pen)	
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Chamberlain N)	3,480

Scottish Second

CLYDE (1) 2 (Masterton 2)	
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 2 (Jack, Jenkins)	600

Tuesday, September 16

European Cup-Winners' Cup

(First Round, first-leg)

NEWPORT (2) 4 (Gwyther, Moore, Aldridge, Bruton)	
CRUSADERS (0) 0	6,285

Third Division

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Young, Taylor)	
HULL (0) 0	4,925

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Tagg o.g.), Metcalfe)	
MILLWALL (1) 1 (Chatterton)	3,400

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Lee)	
CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Green)	2,171

GILLINGHAM 0	
HUDDERSFIELD 0	5,092

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Laidlaw)	
CHARLTON (0) 0	12,796

SHEFF UTD (2) 4 (Kenworthy pen, Butlin, Hatton, Charles)	
BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Hockaday, Gardner)	13,331

SWINDON (0) 1 (Miller)	
OXFORD (0) 0	7,709

WALSALL (0) 0	
ROTHERHAM (2) 2 (Hallam, Towner)	4,500

Fourth Division

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Massey)	
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0	2,413

BURY (0) 1 (Madden)	
CREWE (3) 3 (Davies, Conroy 2)	2,810

DARLINGTON (0) 0	
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cammack)	2,633

HALIFAX (0) 0	
WIGAN (0) 1 (Quinn)	2,052

TORQUAY (0) 2 (Cooper, Bourne)	
DONCASTER (0) 3 (Nimmo 2, Snodin)	2,533

YORK (3) 3 (Ford, Richards, McDonald pen)	
TRANMERE (0) 0	1,500

(Abandoned — waterlogged pitch)

Wednesday, Sept. 17

European Cup

(First Round, first-leg)

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (McGhee)	
AUSTRIA VIENNA (0) 0	20,000

Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Strachan, McMaster, McGhee, Jarvie, Scanlon.	
Vienna: Concilia, Sara (R), Obermayer, Pospischi, Baumeister, Sara (J), Dihanich, Daxbacher, Furst, Gasselich, Schachner.	

CSKA SOFIA (0) 1 (Yonchev)	
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0	70,000

CSKA: Velinov, Zafirov, Dimitrov (D), Vasilev, Dimitrov (G), Iliev, Yonchev, Kerimov, Djedzov, Markov, Velkov.	
Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill, Bowyer (Ponte), Birtles, Wallace, Robertson.	

LIMERICK (0) 1 (Kennedy)	
REAL MADRID (0) 2 (Juanito pen, Pineda)	7,000

OULUN (0) 1 (Puotiniemi)	
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (McDermott)	14,000

Oulun: Rantanen, Lathinen, Ahonen, Hoikkinen, Houtsonen, Puotiniemi, Jalasuaara, Kempainen, Armstrong, Smith, Himanka.	
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalgligh, Lee, Fairclough, McDermott, Souness.	

Cup-Winners' Cup

(First Round, first-leg)

CASTILLA (0) 3 (Paco, Ballin, Cicon)	
WEST HAM (1) 1 (Cross)	14,000

Castilla: Miguel, Juanito (Chendo), Casimiro, Salguero, Espinosa, Sanchez, Lorenzo, Balin, Alvarez, Paco, Bernal, Cidon (Blanco).	
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Martin, Bonds, Devonshire (Brush), Morgan (Barnes), Brooking, Pike, Goddard, Cross.	

CELTIC (2) 2 (Nicholas 2)	
TIMISOARA (0) 1 (Adrian)	30,000

Celtic: Bonnar, Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan, McCluskey, Burns, Nicholas.	
Timisoara: Moise, Nadu, Paltinisian, Visan, Sonon, Serbanou, Cotec, Ardrian, Hedeicu, Dumitru, Titu.	

U.E.F.A. CUP

(First Round, first-leg)

BALLYMENA (0) 2 (McTuiston, Sloan)	
VORWAERTS (1) 1 (Geyer)	3,000

ELFSBORG (1) 1 (Nilsson)	
ST MIRREN (1) 2 (Somner, Abercrombie)	3,776

Elfsborg: Sbensson, Maalberg, Johansson (L), Svensson, Kvist, Andersen, Ahlstrom, Johansson (T), Klarstrom, Gistafsson, Nilsson.	
St Mirren: Thomson, Young, McCormack, Copland, Beckett, Richardson, Stark, Abercrombie, McDougall, Somner, Weir.	

IPSWICH (3) 5 (Wark 4 (3 pens), Mariner)	
ARIS SALONIKA (0) 1 (Pallas pen)	20,842

Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren (Beattie), Manner, Brazil, (O'Callaghan), Gates.	
Aris: Pantzaras, Mokalis, Pallas, Veenos, Firos, Kous, Kindros, Balis, Tsimokos (Drambis), Semertzidis, Zeldi.	

MAN UTD (1) 1 (McIlroy)	
WIDZEW LODZ (1) 1 (Surlit)	38,037

Man Utd: Bailey, Nicholl (Duxbury), Albiston, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Buchan, Grimes, Greenhoff, Coppell, Macari, Thomas.	
Lodz: Mlynarczyk, Plich, Grebosz, Mozejko, Zmuda, Tioninski, Pieta, Surlit, Boniek, Rozborski, Smolarek.	

PSV EINDHOVEN (1) 3 (Brandts, Kraay, Van der Kuylen pen)	
WOLVES (0) 1 (Gray)	29,000

PSV: Doeburg, Wildschut, Maybank, Brandts, Stevens, Koster, Huh, Van der Kerkhof (R), Van Kraay, Valke, Kuylen (Jansse).	
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin (Brazier), Thomas, Hughes, Berry, Villasanz, Carr, Gray, Richards (Clarke), Eves.	

SLASK WROCLAW 0	
DUNDEE UTD 0	10,000

Slask: Kostezewa, Sobieszik, Kowczyk, Matys, Ferlowski, Faber, Pawlowski, Wogliski, Szarak, Pekala, Nocko.	
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Kirkwood, Hegarty, Narey, Bannan, Sturrock, Payne, Smith, Dodds.	

Third Division

EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow)	
FULHAM (0) 0	5,300

READING (1) 1 (Sanchez)	
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Murphy)	5,859

Fourth Division

BRADFORD (0) 3 (Staniforth 2, Hutchins)	
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Phillips)	2,765

HEREFORD (0) 3 (Jones, Price, Hicks)	
ROCHDALE (0) 0	2,475

LINCOLN (0) 0	
ALDERSHOT (2) 1 (1) (Garwood)	4,331

Scottish First

AYR (0) 2 (Connor, Christie)	
HAMILTON (0) 1 (Wright)	3,500

DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Coyle, McLeod)	
BERWICK (0) 0	1,250

FALKIRK (0) 2 (Spence, Perry pen)	
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Brien)	3,500

HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (Jamieson 2)	
EAST STIRLING (1) 2 (Grant 2)	3,000

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Kidd, Irvine, McKeever)	
DUNDEE (2) 2 (Fraser, McGeachie)	2,300

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Weir)	
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Miller)	1,597

STIRLING (0) 0	
RAITH (2) 2 (Harrow 2)	2,300

Scottish Second

ALLOA (1) 3 (Morris, Purdie, Shields)	
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Murphy)	700

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Gavine)	
QUEEN'S PARK (3) 4 (McGregor 2 (1 pen), Irvine, McNiven)	584

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Graham)	
FORFAR (1) 1 (Gallacher)	1,100

COWDENBEATH (0) 2 (Hunter, Rolland pen)	
MONTROSE (1) 1 (Murray)	300

EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Scott)	
ALBION (1) (Hill)	542

QoS (1) 1 (Robertson)	
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Jobson)	1,225

Friday, September 19

Fourth Division

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Little)	
SOUTHEND (0) 0	6,044

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Phillips, Saxby)	
YORK (0) 0	1,843

SCUNTHORPE (2) 2 (Cammack, O'Berg)	
STOCKPORT (0) 0	1,985

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Beamish)	
TORQUAY (0) 0	1,564

Saturday, September 20

First Division

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Hughes o.g.), Geddis)	
WOLVES (0) 1 (Eves)	26,881

Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Evans, McNaught, Gibson, Bremner, Mortimer, Cowans, Morley, Geddis, Withe.	
Wolves: Bradshaw, Berry, Villasanz, Hughes, Palmer, Brazier, Carr, Atkinson, Eves, Richards, Bell (Clarke).	

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Givens)	
WEST BROM (0) 1 (Brown A))	22,016

Birmingham: Wealds, Langan, Gallagher, Todd, Dennis, Curbishley, Gemmill, Dillon, Ainscow, Worthington, Bertschn (Givens).	
West Brom: Godden, Batson, Wile, Robertson, Statham, Moses, Trewick, Robson, Brown, Regis, Barnes.	

'Confident Scotland Portugal again'

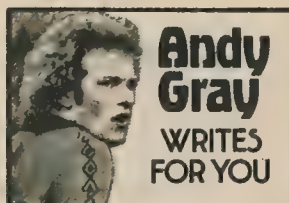
I EXPECT to see one of the best crowds for years (bar England games) when Scotland take on Portugal in a World Cup qualifier at Hampden Park next Wednesday. Our recent win in Sweden has stirred up enthusiasm and if confidence wins games, Scotland will have four points out of four next week.

The 1-0 win in Stockholm was just what we needed. For too long Scotland have travelled abroad only to disappoint. Against Sweden we showed character and skill, deservedly coming away with two points.

It may sound strange that a player like Kenny Dalglish can lack confidence after such a distinguished career. Scotland's results had been so ordinary away from Hampden that players were becoming frightened of trying to do things out of the ordinary... things they wouldn't think twice about doing for their clubs.

One swallow doesn't make a summer, but returning from Stockholm everyone was looking forward to beating Portugal again. I sensed the mood of the squad and it was so different from the apprehension there was on the journey out.

We defeated Portugal 4-1 in the Spring in a European Championship game that had no effect on the eventual group winner (Belgium). I don't go along with those who say



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Portugal weren't trying or bothered.

International footballers simply wouldn't risk their long-term future by approaching a game in such a way. I've yet to see anyone giving less than 100 per cent at this level, although I concede that perhaps players aren't as motivated as when the match is truly competitive.

Maybe the difference is that defeat doesn't hit you quite as hard, but Portugal were trying all right.

That game was my comeback for Scotland after missing a few matches through injury, club calls and other reasons. I remember being very nervous beforehand — and very happy afterwards.

When Jock Stein has had his full



'One of the home-based Scots, goalkeeper Alan Rough.'



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squad to choose from the results have been good. For example, several key players were on club duty during the British Championship when our results were bad. Against Portugal and Sweden, though, the manager could select the side he really wanted and it's no coincidence that these games have seen our best performances.

Mind you, our 4-1 win over the Portuguese earlier this year will mean nothing next week. Having said that, I'm glad we didn't lose 4-1 to them... they won't be able to forget the scoreline completely.

I hope our fans don't become impatient. Foreign sides are often difficult to break down and if the score is still 0-0 after 60 minutes, supporters can rush a team into the wrong type of game.

Jack Stein has done away with the old 'blood and thunder' style... we don't like the 'up and under' approach, booting the ball as far upfield as possible. We prefer to play it around, probing patiently for an opening.

I believe we have the players capable of doing this and it may have gone unnoticed in certain quarters but the Scotland team now is made up of half Football League players and half from the Premier Division.

It wasn't so long ago that only a couple of Scottish League players were selected. With Aberdeen emerging as a real force, Willie Miller, Gordon Strachan and Alex McLeish have broken through to play alongside the ageless Danny McGrain and over-criticised Alan Rough.

Perhaps the manager wanted to have players who potentially had a long career ahead of them. Maybe some of the older players were too set in their ways to change. I don't know, but from what I've seen there

are some first-class Scottish youngsters coming along.

One thing I'm sure of: the day of the easy-money transfer to England has gone. Scottish clubs are now demanding more realistic fees.

English teams used to say: "Oh, we can't pay more, it's a gamble, we don't know if the lad can produce the goods in England." Many Scottish youngsters have already proved themselves at the highest level, although if any of them asked my advice it would be to go South.

You can always go back, but you can't turn back the clock if you don't make the move. For some, like Danny McGrain, Scottish football can satisfy their ambitions. Danny is perfectly happy living in Scotland, and Celtic have given him more trophies than just about any English club could have.

Competitive

What has the Football League given me? The chance to play at Wembley; two League Cup winners' tankards, the chance to play in what is surely the most competitive League in the world and experience that Scotland simply couldn't give me.

Changing the subject slightly, I'm a little worried that the F.A.'s decision to stop the sale of England/Scotland tickets North of the border will rebound on them.

I'm utterly convinced there will still be a fair representation of the Tartan Army at Wembley. Players from the 92 League clubs have the chance to buy tickets and I dare say most of the Scottish players will take advantage of this to help the folks back home.

The 'ban' also seems an open invitation to ticket touts to make a killing. I'll bet any money in the world many Scots will travel down

to Wembley regardless and they will be willing to pay the earth for a ticket.

The ironic part is that the majority of well-behaved supporters will not be at the game. The minority, who have given Scotland a bad name, will come anyway.

This weekend Wolves meet Norwich and we have happy memories of our game at Carrow Road last season: we won 4-0. My personal memories are not so good. I remember being booked for dissent (what else?) and this took me to the 20-point mark. I nearly missed the League Cup Final because of this; only Ray Stewart's last-minute penalty for West Ham against Aston Villa in the F.A. Cup enabled me to 'work off' my suspension as Wolves met Villa in a rearranged League

ABOVE... "Aberdeen's Willie Miller, one of the new Scotland stars."

LEFT... "Kenny Dalglish scoring against Portugal during our 4-1 victory."



game.

I roomed with Ray in Stockholm and he reminded me that I promised him a bottle of champagne. I'll try and remember next week, pal.

I've managed to steer clear of trouble in the League this season, although I collected a yellow card against PSV in Eindhoven. It was a classic case of the referee misunderstanding a foreign tongue.

I shouted 'hold the penalty box' as an attack was mounted and I can only think the word 'penalty' registered with the official and he assumed I was trying to con him. There is no right of appeal so there is nothing I can do about it.

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THE Union of Journalists in Yugoslavia has asked the F.A. to order all clubs to kick-off at the same time and not play so late at night that they cannot get their reports into the next day's paper.

Only in Serbia has the local F.A. responded, ruling that all games must be played in the afternoons.

The Sheriff dies

JOSÉ Fontana, the tall and tough wing-half who played for Brazil in the 1970 World Cup, has died of a heart attack. He was 39-years-old, had no history of heart problems and leaves three children.

Fontana was known in Brazil as *The Sheriff* because of his imposing presence in the penalty-box and his intimidatory behaviour.

He was recruited for the Brazilian squad in 1970 by the colourful coach João Saldanha, who was looking for someone to put more steel in the Brazilian defence.

One night, in the city of Belo Horizonte, João Saldanha bumped into Fontana in a bar.

"Are you in good form?" Saldanha asked him. "I can manage," was Fontana's answer.

The next day, he was in the team. But his fortunes were to decline when Saldanha was replaced by Zagalo.

Fontana managed only one game in the World Cup, against Rumania, when Brazil won 3-2 and he was blamed for the two goals conceded.

Diego Armando Maradona



ARGENTINA's Wonder Boy, Diego Maradona, has signed a new contract with sports equipment manufacturer Puma to promote their products. Argentina's manager César Luis Menotti has been a Puma man for some time and now Maradona, like Menotti, will be joining their team of consultants. Diego will test various types of boot and make suggestions for further design improvements.



FORMER West Germany manager Helmut Schoen was 65 recently and there was a party to celebrate this. Many stars, past and present, were there. How many of the famous faces in this photo can you recognise?

From left: Sepp Maier, Bernd Hölzenbein and Günter Netzer.

BUNDESLIGA BEST FOR GOALS

IT seems whichever table is published the West Germans are top. Whether or not you agree the Bundesliga is the best League in Europe, it's certainly number one for goals.

Here's a run-down on how Europe's First Divisions finished goal-wise last season:

Country	Goals	Matches	Average
1. West Germany	1,023	306	3.34
2. Switzerland	693	212	3.26
3. Hungary	965	306	3.15
4. Luxembourg	414	132	3.13
5. Finland	400	132	3.03
6. N. Ireland	399	132	3.02
7. Denmark	720	240	3.00
8. East Germany	525	182	2.88
9. Holland	883	306	2.88
10. France	1,073	380	2.82
11. Iceland	254	90	2.82
12. Belgium	860	306	2.81
13. Eire	666	240	2.77
14. Austria	493	180	2.73
15. Rumania	834	306	2.72
16. Scotland	484	180	2.68
17. Norway	352	132	2.66
18. Czechoslovakia	618	240	2.57
19. Sweden	461	182	2.53
20. Spain	769	306	2.51
21. Portugal	600	240	2.50
22. England	1,159	462	2.50
23. U.S.S.R.	758	306	2.47
24. Poland	587	240	2.44
25. Albania	425	182	2.33
26. Yugoslavia	712	306	2.32
27. Greece	705	307	2.29
28. Italy	452	240	1.88
29. Turkey	422	240	1.75

FANS CHOOSE TACTICS

THE financial problems at Claudio Marangoni's old club San Lorenzo (remember the Argentine club had to use his transfer cash to pay the rest of the team's back wages?) are going from bad to worse.

Now the squad has threatened to take strike action if they aren't paid, leaving San Lorenzo to conduct their National Championship campaign with the Youth Team.

At the moment the club is being run by a committee of season-ticket holders!



Government cancels soccer

AFRICAN football continues to produce good players, but in many countries in turn, there exists a state of crisis.

Right now in Senegal the F.A. has been dissolved by the Secretary of State for Sport after crowd disturbances at the Cup Final and the League has been suspended until a new F.A. is constituted.

In the Ivory Coast the situation is even worse. There, the government has dissolved their national team because of poor performances and withdrawn from the 1981 African Nations Cup.

News flashes

● Fabio Capello (below), the former Italian international inside-forward, began this season as a player, but at 34 he was not playing well for AC Milan, who offered him the job of youth team coach. He retired and accepted it.



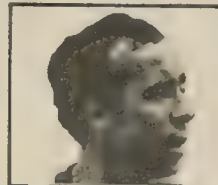
● Lazio have received an offer from a South African

club who are prepared to pay £200,000 for the loan of internationals Bruno Giordano and Lionello Manfredonia for the period of the Pools Scandal suspension, but the players are not keen to go.

● Barcelona have spent £3,300,000 in the transfer market during the last three years — and a good deal of it badly! No fewer than 21 of their acquisitions are now playing for other clubs, and five others are on the transfer list.

● Brazil's centre forward when they last won the World Cup in 1970 was Tostao (above, right), whose career was cut short by an eye injury and a

detached retina. He quit the game to study medicine and recently passed his final exams. The Brazilian F.A. are asking him to specialise in sports medicine and join their team of back-room boys.



● The Footballer of the Year in East Germany is FC Carl Zeiss Jena goalkeeper Hans-Ulrich Grapenthin ahead of Frank Terletzki, captain of Champions Dynamo Berlin.

Red card for 'assassin'

BAYER Uerdingen's Ludger Van De Loo broke a leg of Schalke and West Germany centre-forward Klaus Fischer last season and when he played against Schalke in Gelsenkirchen recently he was a marked man.

His first challenge brought cries of "Assassin, assassin" from the crowd. In the first-half Van De Loo got a yellow card and after 72 minutes, following a foul on Austrian international Kurt Jara, the crowd got what they wanted when the referee sent him off.

DURING a routine inspection prior to modernisation works for the 1982 World Cup, officials discovered that Real Oviedo's crossbars in the Carlos Tartere stadium were nine inches below regulation height! With some disgust, the Oviedo forwards are now wondering what their goal-tally might have been with full-size goals...

LADISLAV Novak, the ex-Dukla international left-back now manager says: "Czech players are only 70 or 80 per cent fit and do not give their maximum for the whole 90 minutes. This must be remedied if the public is to be attracted back for they are fed up with slow, uninteresting games won by one goal."

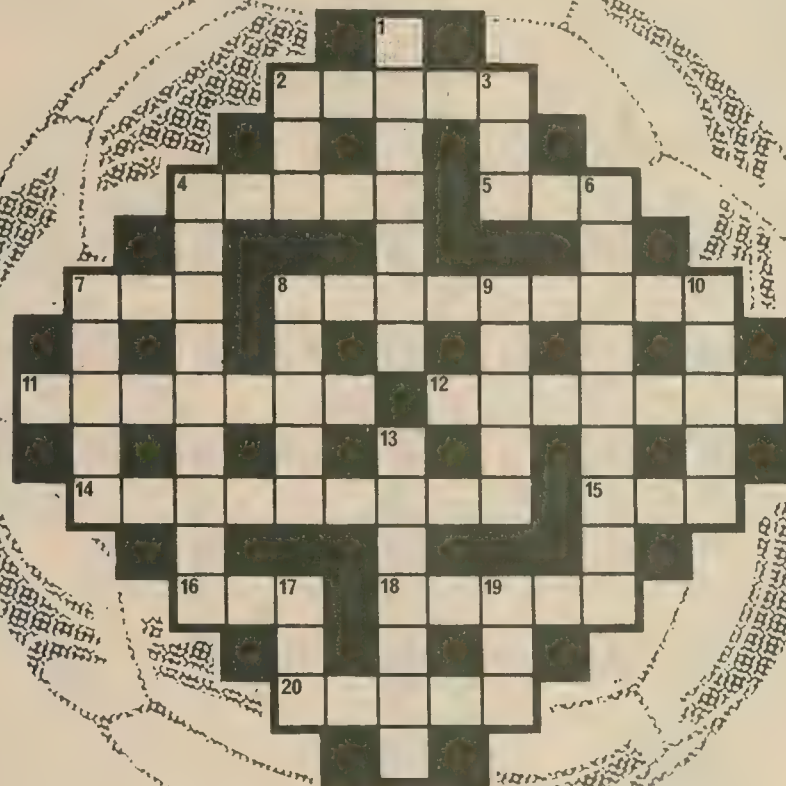
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 (5) --ton Gate, Bristol City's ground. (3)
 (7) -- Davies; Newcastle United left-back. (3)
 (8) Mike --, of Southampton. (9)
 (11) Brings back. (7)
 (12) Plotted or worked out plans of attack, for example. (7)
 (14) -- City; The Filberts of the First Division. (9)
 (15) --underl-n- play at Roker Park. (3)
 (16) Gianni Riv--, European Footballer of the Year in 1969. (3)
 (18) -- Hughes, Wolves defender. (5)
 (20) Tommy --, Manchester City defender. (5)

DOWN:—

- (1) Terry --, Crystal Palace midfielder player. (7)
 (2) -- United; Scottish First Division club. (3)
 (3) Newpor- County play at Som-rt-on P-rk. (3)
 (4) -- Park; home of Dundee United. (9)
 (6) Mick --; Watford defender. (9)
 (7) Perfect from Ardiles of Spurs. (5)
 (8) Gordon --; Coventry City manager. (5)
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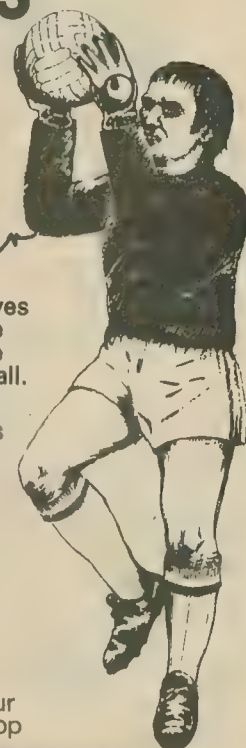
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by Bill Day

BLACKBURN BOUNCING BACK

BLACKBURN Rovers want their fans to be watching First Division football at Ewood Park next season.

Howard Kendall, player-manager of table-topping Blackburn, believes he can steer the club to promotion after one season in the Second Division.

"If we had struggled in our first four matches this season, I would have had to settle for the fact we needed to spend time to adjust to the Second Division.

"But we didn't and I'm confident we can go all the way," stresses Kendall, the club's 15th manager since the War.

Birmingham scuttled Blackburn's progress by knocking them out of the League Cup Third Round on September 23, but success in that competition would have served only as a bonus to Kendall's prime task of winning promotion for the second time in 12 months.

Kendall, who became the youngest player at 17 to play in an F.A. Cup Final when he represented Preston against West Ham in the 1964 Wembley Final, has developed a match-winning blend of youth and experience in the early stages of what he hopes will be a lengthy career at Ewood.

"You need experience in the team at this level," he says, stressing the important roles Duncan McKenzie, Derek Fazackerley (a veteran of almost 400 League appearances) Northern Ireland international Noel Brotherston, Tony Parkes, Glenn Keeley and Kendall himself are playing in setting examples to the spring-heeled youngsters alongside them.

Kendall takes particular pleasure from the form currently displayed by McKenzie, an enigma at Nottingham Forest, Leeds United,

Anderlecht, Everton and Chelsea before Kendall disciplined his skills with no loss of magic.

"I ask things of Duncan and he responds to my requests," says Kendall, modestly taking no credit for persuading McKenzie to become more responsible on the pitch.

"I demand that he works. He enjoys the midfield role I have given him, loving the involvement.

I don't like him losing the ball as he was prone to do in the past.

"I haven't changed him completely, just made him more responsible."

Kendall's handling of McKenzie's silken but unpredictable skills has had a major bearing on Blackburn's progress.

The club have not played in the First Division since 1966 yet are geared to reclaiming that status again. The Safety of Grounds Act is causing some concern. The ground capacity at Ewood is put at 30,000 but the club's officials are only too aware that that figure is not realistic if they are to comply with the Act's requirements. A large sum of money will have to be spent should they win promotion and attract gates of 20,000-plus, double the present average.

Kendall rejects the widespread opinion that the Second Division is poor this season.

'Confident'

"That's simply not true," he insists. "There is no such thing as a pushover in this Division. How can you feel confident of beating Queens Park Rangers, struggling at the moment, when they have players of the calibre of Andy King, Tony Currie and David McCreery?"

"Look at the talent at West Ham's disposal. We played Luton — what an attractive side they are. Then there's Newcastle, Sheffield Wednesday and others."

Kendall is not so blinkered to believe that Blackburn's success has been inspired only by his more experienced players. He is delighted with the goalscoring feats of Simon Garner, a talented young forward with enormous potential.

Other youngsters are thrusting for a first team place at a club with little money to spend on tried or proven players.

"We are looking to our own youngsters to prove themselves. It's the only way."

Kendall is too modest to tell the story of a spying visit made by Geoff Twentyman, one of Liverpool's staff, to Blackburn this season. He returned to Anfield raving about the skill, tenacity and leadership qualities of one of Blackburn's players.

"Just the qualities we demand," beamed Twentyman in Bob Paisley's office. "Who is he?" said Paisley. "Howard Kendall," winked Twentyman.



Manager Howard Kendall (above) has given more freedom to the extraordinary skills of Duncan McKenzie (left).



BACK ROW (left-to-right): Mick Rathbone, Derek Fazackertley, Glenn Keeley, Mick Speight, Paul Round, Kevin Stonehouse, Joe Craig.

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SOCCER BOWL 80



Paraguayan international striker Julio Romero with the Soccer Bowl trophy.



ABOVE . . . Belgium star Francois van der Elst, who joined the Cosmos this summer, is challenged by Fort Lauderdale's Arsene Auguste. BELOW . . . Cosmos captain and goalscorer extraordinary Giorgio Chinaglia scored his 50th goal of the season in the Final.

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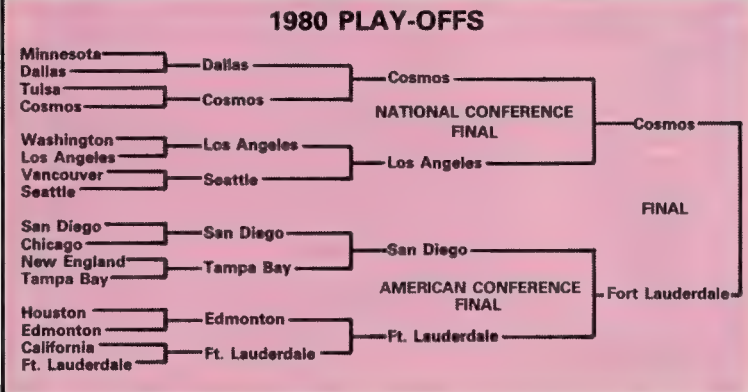


More records for the Cosmos all-stars

Cosmos coach Hennes Weisweiler holds the Soccer Bowl trophy.



FEW people were surprised when the Cosmos, the richest club in the world, won the North American Soccer League for the fourth time in their ten-year history. Owned by the giant Warner Communications company, the New York club beat the Fort Lauderdale Strikers 3-0 in Washington on a humid afternoon, thanks to two goals by captain Giorgio



Chinaglia and one by Paraguayan Julio Romero.

It was a fitting farewell for Franz Beckenbauer, soon to pick up his career in the Bundesliga again with Hamburger SV. The 35-year-old former West German captain had a faultless game, although he was involved in a controversy before the kick-off.

German coach Hennes Weisweiler dropped sweeper Carlos Alberto, who captained Brazil's 1970 World Cup-winning side and moved Beckenbauer from midfield to the back. The Brazilian is now

said to be "thinking over his future."

Beckenbauer was up against his former Bayern Munich team-mate Gerd Müller... but not for long. The striker tore a thigh muscle in the 39th minute and left the field.

Another Brazilian dropped was the Strikers' controversial Francisco Marinho, left out because he once played for the Cosmos and his coach Cor van der Hart was worried about the player's attitude.

It was a moderate game; Fort Lauderdale could have led 2-0 at

half-time. Once Müller went off, their fire-power faded and when Romero put the Cosmos ahead the result was never in doubt.

Chinaglia, the most prolific scorer in the NASL's history, scored 32 goals in the regular season and 18 in the seven play-off games. Not surprisingly, he was chosen as the Final's Most Valuable Player.

Proof that the British domination in the NASL is over can be shown by the fact that not one Cosmos player came from these shores, while the Strikers had just two familiar names: Ray 'Rocky' Hudson and Ken Fogarty.

The Cosmos just go on breaking records. With an open cheque book coach Hennes Weisweiler can have virtually any player he wants.

While the Cosmos have to win, they must also field a team to attract the ethnic fans of New York, hence the multi-racial line-up. Their squad comprises players from West Germany, Paraguay, Holland, Brazil, Belgium, Portugal, Yugoslavia, Armenia as well as from the USA and Canada.

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Why Langley couldn't stay at Chelsea

TOMMY Langley is just starting to pick up the threads of his confidence and career after a dismal six months. Langley, new man in the Q.P.R. attack after his big-money move from London neighbours Chelsea, had a miserable time for much of last season — and an even worse summer.

The man who was regarded as one of the best strikers outside the First Division had personal and playing problems last season which contributed to a disappointing campaign.

He was out of the senior side for much of the time and finished with just ten goals.

"The time was right for a move," insisted Langley. "I got on ever so well with the new managing pairing of Geoff Hurst and Bobby Gould; don't think I left because of them. But little things got on my nerves, like how the team played."

"I felt the midfield needed strengthening to provide a better service for the front men. It was little things like that, plus the fact that I'd been with the club ten years. It was time for a move."

But getting that move was nowhere near as easy as he expected. Langley admits he became disappointed and disillusioned by the constant talk in papers, with no real action to back it up.

'Goalscorer'

"It was always this club and that club coming in for me — but nothing happened. I felt my record as a goalscorer with Chelsea when they were in the First Division, proved I could play in that company."

"But only one First Division club made a firm move — Birmingham — and I just couldn't agree terms. If I'd signed for what they offered me, I'd have been worse off."

"The waiting and wondering got me down. I wanted to go to a First Division club but they didn't seem interested. So I had to face facts and accept I wouldn't be going straight into Division One. That was hard."

Langley was surprised at Q.P.R.'s initial bid. "But they made a good offer and as I wanted to leave, I made up my mind to go there."

"They have as good a chance of going up this season as Chelsea, perhaps slightly better on paper at least, and I knew several of their players from various trips I'd made."

"It wasn't difficult to settle in because going to such a neighbour of Chelsea meant I wouldn't move house. That saved considerable disruption and problems."

Langley says: "I hope I can justify Rangers' move for me. I scored 16 goals for Chelsea in their last season in the First Division, so that gives me confidence."

"That was what I never understood about the First Division



Langley (right) with one of the youngsters at Rangers, Steve Burke.

clubs — they seemed to want to wait and assess my pre-season form, rather than act on my past record. To me, that's crazy what can pre-season friendlies tell you about someone?

"I believe at Q.P.R., I will get much more of the service I wanted

at Chelsea. I was OK when Ray Wilkins was at Stamford Bridge but after he left, I never felt the front guys were getting a good enough service from midfield."

"But at Rangers, players like Tony Currie and David McCreery are internationals who have

played First Division football. They know what their strikers want and I feel that will enhance my chances of scoring goals."

"Q.P.R. have a better blend of youth and experience than Chelsea. It's a young side but there are youngsters like McCreery and Chris Woods who have a fair amount of experience. We have also just bought Andy King from Everton."

"The lads at Chelsea are promising and there are some very good kids coming through there. But they lack any kind of hard experience and perhaps Rangers have



Tony Currie



David McCreery

the stronger squad."

"But don't get me wrong. I first became associated with Chelsea when I was ten and I'm 22 now. Leaving the club was a wrench after all those years and I'd love to see them get back into Division One. If we both go up this season, it would work out perfectly as far as I'm concerned."

"For me, goals are all important now. I want to show some of those First Division clubs what they missed and help Rangers get back to Division One."

"I'll be getting down to some really hard work to try and put last season's — and the summer's disappointments firmly behind me."

BRIGHTON HOPING FOR

A FOREST DOUBLE

THE man who scored the vital goal which turned the tide in Brighton's First Division life has been kicking his heels waiting for a regular first team place this season.

Irishman Gerry Ryan was the toast of Sussex last November when his goal, the only one of the match, gave Brighton two points at the home of the mighty European Champions, Nottingham Forest.

Ryan's goal meant Forest's first home League defeat in 52 matches, a run stretching back to April, 1977. But, more importantly, it changed the fortunes completely for Alan Mullery's hitherto out-classed, out-fought, First Division side.

Brighton looked down and out after 14 matches of their first ever season in the top flight. They'd taken just seven points from a possible 28 when they made the seemingly hopeless trip to the City Ground, Nottingham, to tackle Forest. It looked a certain home banker and the only doubt in most people's minds was how many goals the European Champions would win by.

"I must admit our chances were not good," said Ryan. "It seemed like we were going to another away defeat but suddenly, we got a couple of breaks and the game swung our way.

RIGHT... Forest's Larry Lloyd (left) was involved in Gerry Ryan scoring Brighton's winner last season.

"We lacked belief in ourselves before the match. But beating the European Champions on their own ground turned the tide. We were confident of beating anyone after that, and we went on to climb out of trouble from that day on.

"We continued to pick up points regularly and our confidence just grew and we were never in any doubt that we would remain a First Division club."

Brighton in fact went on to take 15 points from a possible 20, winning six and drawing three of their next ten games. It was to be decisive.

And Ryan's crucial goal that started the run? "The ball was in the penalty area and I remember Forest defender Larry Lloyd con-

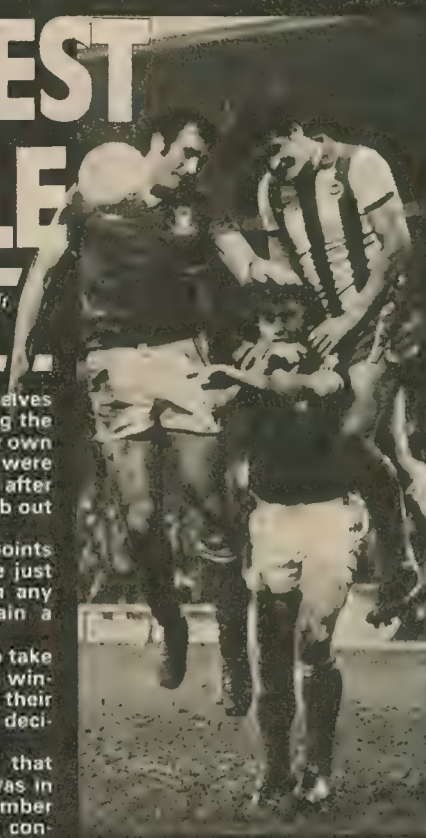
trolling it on his chest. But, as the ball fell to the ground, I nipped in front of him and, although stumbling as Lloyd tried to trip me, just managed to push the ball hard enough to trickle over the line."

But that was last November. This season, the goalscoring hero of that famous day, hasn't been so happy. Ryan explains: "I'm not even certain I'll be facing Forest this time. I haven't been a regular this season, and only played in one of our first seven games. We played a different formation at the start which meant there wasn't room for me. The arrival of Gordon Smith and Mick Robinson also lessened my chances.

"I haven't had a chance yet but I'm hoping that may change. I'd like to be selected for the match against Forest but then, I'd love to play against anyone. Everybody wants first team football."

When Brighton meet Forest this weekend it is sure Brian Clough's men will be burning for revenge against the South coast club. For, as well as winning at the City Ground, Brighton won 1-0 at the Goldstone later in the season, giving them a notable double over the two-time Champions of Europe.

"We seem to be Forest's bogey team," says Ryan. "And they are certainly the big attraction for us. The crowd also seem to feel that way. We were the only club to do the double over Forest in the League last season, so something must give this time. It looks a cracking match in prospect."



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'Mike loves the limelight'



I'M delighted to see that Mike Channon is doing so well for Southampton. His career has been revitalised after an unhappy spell with Manchester City.

And the fact Southampton are in the spotlight these days will suit Mike down to the ground because that's where he likes to be.

He's the sort of player who thrives on being the centre of attraction and while Kevin Keegan is grabbing most of that down at The Dell, the other Southampton players like Mike and Charlie George are getting their share.

I've known Mike for years — we've played together for England many times — and there was a time when he just couldn't do a thing wrong. The Press were labelling him as the one class striker in England.

He responded to that and while my international career took something of a back seat under the management of Don Revie, Mike's flourished. He enjoyed the glamour with Southampton and with England.

At his best he's not only an outstanding creator of chances with pace and skill but capable of some high class finishing.

Off the field, I've got great admiration for the way he insists on being his own man. He might listen to other people's opinions, but it never stops him saying what he thinks.

I understand that his forthright attitude came through on television during the summer, when he was on a panel during the European Championship. I was out in Italy at the time, of course, but Mike was controversial in opinions he expressed.

But that's Mike Channon.



Mike Channon (below) and Kevin Keegan (below, left) have shared the glory at Southampton this season.

'An unhappy return'

IF you had seen the scene at Sofia Airport after we had played in Bulgaria, you would realise that not all of our European Cup trips are a joy ride.

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Problems

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So one way and another we were grounded and it wasn't exactly the ideal way to unwind after an important game. There we were spread out on seats, some of us trying to snatch an hour's sleep or so and

others filling in time playing cards.

At one stage they got the food off the plane and we had it distributed to us like Red Cross parcels.

When we eventually took off, it was about 1.0 am local time and even allowing for the fact that they were two hours ahead of us in England, it was still about 3.30am before we had got home to bed.

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It was purely and simply Allison's decision and his alone, as to who he did and did not want to play for him. But therein lies the danger for City if someone else eventually takes over.

If Malcolm Allison is replaced a new manager is hardly likely to want the same players as Malcolm had. That rarely happens. A different man has his own ideas on certain players. The ones he rates, and those he doesn't. If that happened at Maine Road, City would find they were in a situation where they faced more upheaval, with transfers of some players and money wanted for others to come in. The club will be back to square one and that can't be an appealing thought for anyone.

I must admit that despite being bitterly disappointed to leave, I've put City behind me. I still love the club but I am a West Bromwich Albion man now.

When we met City last season, I was determined to prove to them that I'd joined a better side and I, and the rest of the lads, did just

'I STILL LOVE CITY'

says Gary Owen

EVEN though Manchester City are still close to my heart, I'll be hoping West Brom can repeat last season's form and do the double over my former colleagues from Maine Road when the two sides meet on Saturday (October 11).

City's two previous visits to The Hawthorns have both resulted in convincing 4-0 wins for Albion — so we are looking for a hat-trick!

If I sound a little bitter it's because I don't think I got a fair deal when City let me go.

The fact they will have only three players who were in the first team when I was at Maine Road

Joe Corrigan, Tommy Booth and Paul Power, is the key to their problems. Yet it's only 14 months since I said goodbye to everyone at Maine Road.

Adequate

Malcolm Allison's biggest mistake was making so many changes. He sold experienced players without adequate replacements.

A good example was the delay in City signing Kevin Reeves. He was the FIRST player Allison wanted, yet it took him over a year to get the lad from Norwich. You cannot expect a completely new side to blend together straightaway.

Allison changed the personnel at City because he believed the players had got into a rut. That was nonsense. I was 20 years of age and looking forward to many years in top class football. His theory has been proved wrong because so many players have done well at other clubs. Mike Channon and

that. We won 4-0 at The Hawthorns and 3-1 at Maine Road. Case proved.

But we are not complacent about this Saturday's match. We both start level and we won't be silly enough to underestimate City even though they've had a very disappointing start to the season.

For me, it hurts to see the state Manchester City are in now, especially when you think what a power they were a few seasons back. But times change rapidly in football and the future is all that counts. You can't survive on past glories.

The trouble is, losing becomes a habit that is hard to break and confidence is drained. We found that last season when we had to wait until February for our first away win. It gets you down after a while and City might find that, if they don't start climbing the table soon.

I'd like to see them in a respectable position — after they've dropped two points to us this Saturday. I want West Brom to win and to do it in style. Nothing else matters.

FULHAM CAN MAKE HISTORY

IF Fulham's exciting new Rugby League team achieve their ambition and head the League's Second Division before Christmas, their success will fuel the fire in the bellies of the club's footballers. That's the belief of Malcolm Macdonald who is totally involved in both sides in the club.

Fulham, relegated from the Second Division last season, have made a very good start to the new campaign. But their climb up the Third Division table has been somewhat overshadowed by the headline grabbing Rugby League set-up which roared into life with a pounding 24-5 win over Wigan in September.

So Macdonald, who now holds the exhausting dual job of Chief Marketing executive for the football club and Director in Charge of Marketing for the rugby club, is convinced that having two different sports clubs under one roof will lead to fascinating and exciting rivalry... and incentive.

"You can just imagine the two sets of players," says the former Fulham, Luton, Newcastle, Arsenal and England striker, "The soccer lads watching rugby attract the Sunday fans and climbing their table, and the rugby lads, all new to this part of the world, keeping a curious eye on the soccer lads who will always have the first crack at weekend success by playing on Saturday."

"I believe that aside from the obvious financial benefit to Fulham, the rugby will spark a completely new form of rivalry — healthy, good humoured and profitable to both sports."

"All the same, neither sets of players will be content to be 'second' in terms of achievement at the end of the season."

"To me, that can mean only one thing — a unique double promotion season at Craven Cottage. Just imagine the type of celebra-

tions that would spark."

Most of the credit for Fulham's bold and brave venture must go to chairman Ernie Clay who had the courage of his convictions, and Macdonald, not long on the non-playing side of professional sport yet already a respected figure in the marketing world.

"Yes, it took some thinking out," admits Macdonald, "But we approached Harold Genders, a director at Warrington, who told us he could assemble the club and promptly resigned to become Fulham's director in charge of playing matters."

"Then we signed Reggie Bowden, a world-famous chief-scout and former scrum-half with Widnes — a man who appeared in 16 major Cup Finals! The players signed quickly and we now have 17 professionals."

'Utilise'

"But people must not run away with the idea that the soccer will suffer in any way. All the same, we decided to utilise Craven Cottage in order to boost the finances of the Fulham Football Club."

"There is no reason why supporters should not cheer on both teams. Both represent Fulham and both have promotion as their immediate target."

"Sitting in my position I can see both teams making it. Bobby Campbell's lads have shaken off the disappointment of last season and are blazing a good trail through Division Three. Reggie Bowden's boys have won over the hearts of the Southern public and kicked off with a tremendous win."

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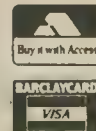
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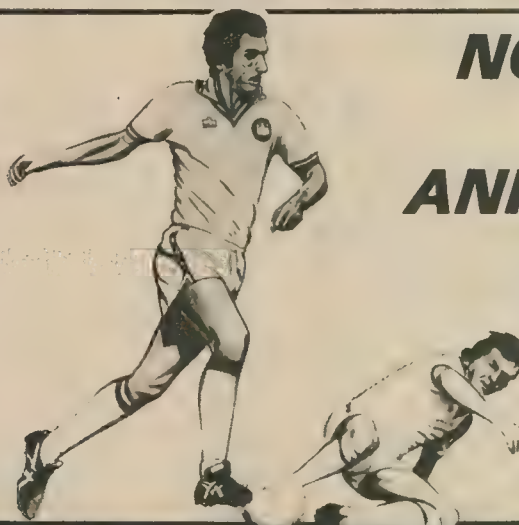
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TERRY Curran's excitable nature got him sent-off in the incident at Oldham which caused that shameful riot.

Curran, the Sheffield Wednesday winger says: "I know I've got to try to calm myself down. But if I didn't get excited, I wouldn't be the same player."

"I'm the sort who has to be in the thick of the action and I don't pull out of tackles if they look bad. If I did, there would be no point in my going out there."

After being moved from the wing to central striker by Wednesday manager Jack Charlton, Curran scored 22 League goals last season to get the club out of Division Three.

His move inside, he says, has: "Worked a treat. I get on well with Andy McCulloch. We've built up a good understanding together."

Though still a young man, Curran has already played in every Division of the League — and he's learned that scoring goals is difficult in all of them.

Curran has also played under some famous managers — Brian Clough, Lawrie McMenemy, Tommy Docherty and now, Jack Charlton.

"I've learned from them all. With Tommy Docherty, of course, you never know where you stand. If he had Kevin Keegan in his team I'm sure he'd sell him if he thought it was a good deal."

"Lawrie McMenemy is a great talker and Brian Clough the aggressive sort who gets players in the right frame of mind for a game. Jack Charlton's like that too."

He doesn't want to expand too much on what he thinks of the famous four because he's now compiling a book on them.

Curran parted company with Clough before Forest started their

and then Southampton, whom he helped to the 1979 League Cup Final. Ironically, he found himself up against Forest and it looked as though his new team were going to cause an upset when they took an early lead and held on to it until half-time. But Forest eventually won 3-2.

Curran played one more match for Saints after Wembley before being transferred to Wednesday for £100,000.

"I had to get away from The Dell because I felt overshadowed by all the big name stars there. It seemed that no matter how well I played, I was always in the shadows."

"I was delighted to join Wednesday because I'm a Yorkshire lad and I used to follow their fortunes as a kid."

"I think I've proved a shrewd buy for Jack Charlton and playing for him has helped me get all my confidence back."

Once Curran is full of confidence, he'll run at opposing defences all afternoon.

"Managers always tried to get me to chase back and tackle in my own half when I was a winger. But that seems silly to me."

"If you expect strikers to tackle back and then run 70 yards to take a chance at the other end it's hardly surprising when they shoot wide is it?"

"As far as I'm concerned, the defenders can do the defending and they can leave the attacking to us strikers. From now on, I'm going to save my energy for running from the halfway line to the opposition's goal."

"And from now on, I'm always going to run at people. It's what's



TERRY WON'T BE TAMED

climb to the pinnacle of Europe. But he doesn't regret leaving.

"I had the one serious injury of my career at Forest — knee ligament trouble. I was out for a long time but eventually fought my way back into the first team — only to be dropped after one game."

"I was upset by that and I ended up asking for a move. I could have stayed and battled my way back in but I thought, if they don't want me in the team, I'm off. That was my excitable nature again."

From Forest, he went to Derby

lacking in the game and the way I see it, you've nothing to lose. You either get through or you get fouled and win a free-kick."

When Curran left Southampton, his plan was to build his confidence up and then get back into the First Division.

That's still his plan — but now he's hoping he can get back to the First without changing clubs again. "I fancy us to go up this season but whatever happens, I'm not planning to stick around in Division Two."

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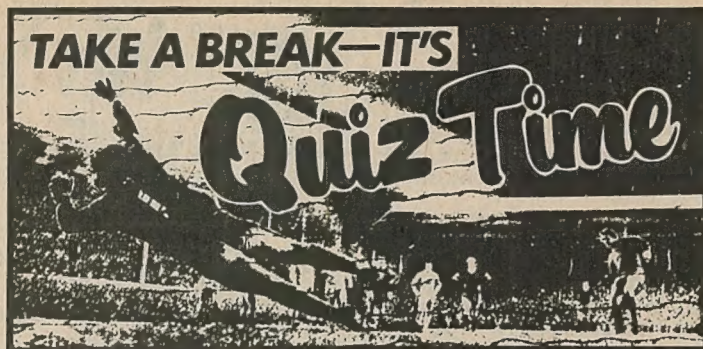
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2. Did John Gidman, Bob Latchford or Asa Hartford (right) miss a penalty for Everton in the dying minutes of their 2-1 defeat by West Bromwich Albion at Goodison Park?

3. Nottingham Forest went on the rampage when they beat Bury 5-0, 6-0 or 7-0 at Gigg Lane?

4. Two players were sent-off during Notts County's fine 4-1 win against Queens Park Rangers at Meadow Lane... can you name the pair?

5. Sheffield Wednesday suffered their first, second or third home defeat of the season when they lost 2-1 to Watford at Hillsborough?

MANAGERS

1. Who was the man that guided Aberdeen to the Scottish Premier Division Championship for the first time last season?

2. Johnny King was sacked earlier this season as manager of which Fourth Division club?

3. Bolton Wanderers have had eight managers since the last War. Walter Rowley, Bill Ridding, Nat

Lofthouse (twice), Jimmy McIlroy, Jimmy Meadows, Jimmy Armfield and Stan Anderson are seven... can you name the other?

4. Was Willie Ormond or Tommy Docherty manager of the Scotland international side before Ally MacLeod took over?

5. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a top manager and his club... LNLAA ELRCKA (ELDSE TDUIEN).



PICTURE PUZZLE

Study the action photograph, taken during Manchester United's game with Leicester City this season, and see if you can answer the following questions.

1. Can you identify the player in the centre heading the ball down?

2. Did he score once, twice or three times?

3. Where was the game played?

4. Did Manchester United beat Leicester 4-0, 5-0 or 6-0?

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Derby day in Birmingham... BLUES v VILLA

Football first for Frank



FRANK Worthington is a big game addict. The tall Birmingham striker is the first to admit he's hooked on the kind of death-or-glory situations which are Birmingham — Aston Villa derbies.

The 31-year-old reserves these occasions to give extra special displays of the kind of silky one-touch skills that mark him as one of the game's few real characters.

Frank just loves the nerve-grinding atmosphere of such games. And he is especially looking forward to this one.

Despite a lengthy and distinguished career — Frank has never played in what he describes as a "real" derby match.

'Atmosphere'

"The nearest I came was playing against Manchester United or City when I was at Bolton," he explains. "They did have a lot of atmosphere, but they weren't quite the same. When I was at Leicester, Forest were in the Second Division, so again the nearest I came was when we played Coventry — hardly the real thing either."

Frank has another reason for his keen anticipation of the game. He wants to see just how good Birmingham's cross-city rivals Villa really are.

He says: "There's been a lot of talk about how good Villa could be. And I'm not surprised because they have several fine young players, particularly Gordon Cowans. I

think he's an England star of the future. I'm looking forward to playing against him again.

"These big games can often become flops because there is so much pressure surrounding them. Obviously I'd like to be on the winning side but I think it's important that we put on a good show. Goals and excitement will always pull in the fans.

"There will be so many good players out there that you must think the game has got a chance of being a classic. For instance Colin Todd will be up against Peter Withe and Gary Shaw.

"For me Colin is still in a class of his own. Gordon Cowans is an England star of the future, while Toddy should still be in the team."

Can Birmingham continue their re-establishment in the First Division with victory over Villa?

"No side we have met so far has looked better than us. We are very solid at the back, Archie Gemmill has shown he still has what it takes, and like Villa we have a good blend of youth and experience.

"What we have struggled to do is put the ball in the net. We have made plenty of chances, and that obviously is a good thing. But we should have won far more games than we have.

"However, you never can tell what might happen in games like these. I'm certainly backing us to win. And why not? We have shown we are good enough to beat the best teams."

THE pride, prejudice and pressure that surrounds a local derby shouldn't affect Aston Villa's Peter Withe.

The big 29-year-old striker, who joined Villa for £500,000 from Newcastle during the summer, will be one of the few players ever to have played for both Brummie sides.

But his derby experience goes much deeper and is far more conclusive than that. For Peter, who lists his ex-clubs like a well-off businessman counts his credit cards, has played in derbies all over the country.

He's played for Newcastle against Sunderland; Nottingham Forest against County and Derby; Wolves against Black Country rivals West Brom, plus, of course, all the surrounding Midlands clubs.

He's also experienced that electric atmosphere as a fan. Because Merseysider Peter was an Everton supporter as a youngster, and sampled much of the rarified air

that Everton-Liverpool meetings generate.

He says: "I think being a player is much easier than being a fan. Out on the pitch you are part of it in the most positive sense. You can score goals and you can battle to get back on level terms if your team goes behind.

"But I know from my own experiences the frustrations of being a fan at those games. Remember for weeks before the rival supporters will have been talking about the big day.

"Once the game's started that's it for the fans. They have to watch, bite their nails, pray that their team is the one who wins. Because they know what they face from their mates if they lose.

"I suppose that must be the nearest a fan comes to knowing what a manager must feel like — not just on derby days, but every match day!"

Withe played in two derbies against Villa with Birmingham,

Withe feels sorry for the fans



losing at Villa Park and winning at home.

Though he knows the Second City clash will, as usual, be all-or-nothing, he feels nothing can beat the clash of North East neighbours Newcastle and Sunderland.

"It's like Wembley twice a year," he laughs. "They are so cut off, and there are so few teams, that more than any other derby, Newcastle v Sunderland is the be-all and end-all.

"The games are built up for much longer periods by Press, television and radio. There are interviews, readers' letters, personal appearances, panics for tickets, family feuds — the lot.

"Of course Everton v Liverpool is also high pressure stuff, just like Birmingham and Villa."

Withe's arrival has been far from coincidental in Villa's bid to return to their former days of success, but he warns: "A lot of people, myself included, have been saying that Villa are on the way back. Well, yes, I think they are.

"But we are already out of the League Cup, and really the time has come to do something about it rather than talk about it. We have the players, and we have the manager and support. We need results more than anything now.

"The only thing we need to worry about is attitude. The desire to keep winning, and to battle through on days when things aren't going well for us. That's what got Forest where they are now. And strangely enough, attitude is exactly what wins or loses derby games..."

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HEIGHT: 5ft 7ins
WEIGHT: 11st 8lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Portsmouth
MARRIED: To Sue
CHILDREN: Julien, Damien and Luke
CAR: Toyota
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Express and Sporting Life
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Frans Thijssen
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Terry Butcher
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: As a schoolboy I supported Spurs
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: John White and Jimmy Greaves
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Horse riding, tennis and golf
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Liverpool's former winger Peter Thompson
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The 1978 F.A. Cup Final

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: England failing in Italy in 1980
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Beef stroganoff, coffee
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Eating out, hot summers/untidiness, cold summers
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Anywhere with good friends and lots of sun
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR: Brough Scott, horse racing expert

FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Day at the races — horse riding
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Neil Diamond, Barbra Streisand
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: No set routine
BEST FRIEND: Several very good friends (I think!)
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Bill McGarry and Reg Tyrrell
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth, Under 23 and full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Brough Scott's
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The Royal Family



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